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SUBJECT-MATTER

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2226 - Master's degree in Organic Chemistry	Organic synthesis	COMPULSORY

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

This course together with Advanced Organic Synthesis aims to cover the most relevant synthetic methods with a proper balance between the classic methodologies that are in force as effective methods for the preparation of organic compounds, and the new methods that have been incorporated into the baggage of the organic synthesis in recent decades.

In this sense, the most significant oxidation methods of various types of organic molecules are initially discussed, paying special attention, for their importance in organic synthesis, to alcohols and olefins. Both the classical oxidation methods and the most modern and current ones are incorporated in both the racemic and chiral version. The methods of reduction in both heterogeneous and homogeneous phase are approached in second place with the idea that the student acquires the widest possible knowledge in this important field both from an industrial and fundamentally academic point of view.

Radical chemistry is another key point that will be studied. A detailed knowledge of the reactions of abstraction and radical additions will allow the student to incorporate a different but significant aspect within the context of the current organic synthesis. The generation and reactions of carbenes and nitrenes will also be studied. Other aspects to consider is the use of protective groups. The incompatibility of functional groups in the synthesis of complex molecules has persisted over time. The use of protective groups partially solves most of these problems. In this section we will study the main protective groups and their usefulness in the synthesis of more complex molecules, especially considering their usefulness in the



synthesis of peptides.

In the second part of the subject, the principles of retrosynthetic analysis are introduced as a fundamental tool in the design of organic synthesis. The C-X and C-C disconnections of one and two groups are developed, with special emphasis on the concepts of natural polarity and inverted polarity. The main synthetic methods of forming C-C bonds associated with the disconnections considered are developed

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Essentials:

Essential requirements: basic knowledge of advanced Organic Chemistry and basic Organic Synthesis.

Recommended:

Recommended requirements: basic knowledge of Kinetics, Chemical Thermodynamics and pharmaceutical chemistry.

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Be able to access to information tools in other areas of knowledge and use them properly.

Competencias de gestión tales como la capacidad para la planificación y gestión de tiempo y recursos, así como para dirigir y tomar decisiones.

Conocer los métodos disponibles para la generación de los distintos tipos de enlaces así como para la interconversión de grupos funcionales.

Poseer habilidades sociales, un buen nivel de comunicación oral y escrita, así como capacidad para trabajar en equipo y con personas de diferentes procedencias.

Profundizar en el conocimiento de la síntesis orgánica.

Saber participar en debates y discusiones, dirigirlos y coordinarlos y ser capaces de resumirlos y extraer de ellos las conclusiones más relevantes y aceptadas por la mayoría.

Ser capaces de valorar la necesidad de completar su formación científica, en lenguas, en informática, asistiendo a conferencias o cursos y/o realizando actividades complementarias, autoevaluando la aportación que la realización de estas actividades supone para su formación integral.

Students should apply acquired knowledge to solve problems in unfamiliar contexts within their field of study, including multidisciplinary scenarios.



Students should be able to integrate knowledge and address the complexity of making informed judgments based on incomplete or limited information, including reflections on the social and ethical responsibilities associated with the application of their knowledge and judgments.

Students should communicate conclusions and underlying knowledge clearly and unambiguously to both specialized and non-specialized audiences.

Students should demonstrate self-directed learning skills for continued academic growth.

Students should possess and understand foundational knowledge that enables original thinking and research in the field.

Use different presentation formats (oral, written, slide presentations, boards, etc.) to communicate knowledge, proposals and positions.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. Oxidation in synthesis

Changes in the oxidation states of organic molecules: Concept of oxidation number. Oxidation of alcohols: Chromium and manganese reagents, oxidation with dimethyl sulfoxide via alkoxysulfonium salts, hypervalent iodine reagents, oxoammonium ions, Oppenauer oxidation. Oxidation of alkenes: Epoxidation with peracids, hydroperoxides and dioxiranes. Dihydroxylation of alkenes with osmium tetroxide. Oxidation of ketones: Baeyer-Villiger reaction. Allylic oxidation: selenium dioxide and chromic oxide. Biological oxidation methods

2. Reduction in Synthesis

Introduction. Homogeneous and heterogeneous catalytic hydrogenations of alkenes and other functional groups. Reduction with metals in solution: Birch reaction, reduction and reductive coupling of carbonyl compounds. Reductions with metal hydrides: Chemoselectivity in the reduction of carbonyl compounds. Meerwein-Ponndorf-Verley reduction. Reductions through dienes: Wolf-Kishner reaction, Shapiro reaction. Other reducing agents: Samarium iodide. Transfer of hydride of biological origin.

3. Radicals, carbenes and nitrenes

General aspects: Stability of radicals, characteristics of radical reactions. Methods of generating radicals. Radical substitution reactions: Halogenation, autooxidation, reductions with tributyltin hydride. Radical addition reactions: Radical hydrohalogenation of alkenes, addition of acyl radicals. Intramolecular H transfer reactions: Hoffman-Loefer reaction, nitrite photolysis (Barton reaction). Tandem and cascade radical reactions. Radical transposition and fragmentation reactions. Carbenes: electronic structure and generation of carbenes. Cyclopropanation reactions. C-H bond insertion reactions. Wolf transposition. Nitrenes: electronic structure and generation of nitrenes. Nitrite addition and insertion reactions. Reactions through electron deficient nitrogen: Curtius transposition, Hofmann transposition, Beckmann transposition.



4. Protecting groups

Characteristics of the protective groups. Methods of protection / deprotection of functional groups. Orthogonal protection. Temporary protection. Protective groups in peptide synthesis

5. Retrosynthetic analysis. C-X disconnections

Basic concepts: Disconnection, interconversion of functional groups, synthon, reagent. Disconnections in aromatic compounds: the order of events. C-X disconnections of a group: in alcohols and derivatives, in carboxylic acids and derivatives. C-X disconnections of two groups: Compounds 1,3-, 1,2 and 1,1-difunctionalized

6. One-group C-C disconnections.

1,1- Disconnections : synthesis of alcohols and synthesis of carbonyl compounds. 1,2- disconnections: Synthesis of alcohols and synthesis of carbonyl compounds. 1,3- disconnections: synthesis of carbonyl compounds

7. Two groups C-C disconnections: Odd relations

Disconnections in 1,3-difunctionalized compounds: -hydroxycarbonyl compounds and 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds. Disconnections in 1,5-dicarbonyl compounds

8. Two groups C-C disconnections: Even relations

Disconnections in 1,2-difunctionalized compounds. Disconnections in 1,4-difunctionalized compounds. Disconnections in 1,6-difunctionalized compounds. Reconnection

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Theory	20,00
Seminar	20,00
Total hours	40,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	0,00



Independent study and work	40,00
Preparation of lessons	10,00
Preparation for assessment activities	10,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
Total hours	60,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The subject is structured as follows:

Theoretical classes (face-to-face) .- The classes will be devoted to discussing with students the most complicated aspects or those in which they had more difficulty in the previous study of the material provided. These classes are complemented by study time and autonomous work.

Problem classes.- In these classes the specific application of the knowledge that students have acquired in the theory classes will be carried out. Students must have previously worked on the problems that are going to be solved. The resolution of these problems will be carried out alternately by the teacher or by the students, either in a group, or individually.

Works.- An additional possibility, which will be optionally carried out by the teacher, will be the realization of a work related to any of the themes of the program and described in a scientific publication

EVALUATION

The sections "Methods in Synthesis" (Topics 1-4) and "Synthetic Strategy" (Topics 5-8) will be assessed **separately**, following the same evaluation scheme shown below. The final grade for the course will be the average of the grades from both parts. In order to pass, students must obtain a **minimum overall score of 4 in each part and a final course grade equal to or greater than 5**.

The overall assessment of each part will be carried out continuously by the instructor throughout the course and will consist of the following sections:

1. Direct evaluation by the instructor. 20% of the grade will correspond to direct evaluation by the instructor. The following aspects will be considered:

- Attendance and clear, reasoned participation in class.
- Problem-solving and answering questions during class.
- Critical thinking.

2. Evaluation of student work. 20% of the final grade will correspond to the completion and



submission of exercises assigned by the instructor via the ¿Aula Virtual¿ or by email, to be solved by students either individually or in groups, at the instructor¿s discretion. The student/group must submit the answers through the indicated channel (Aula Virtual, email) within the time period established by the instructor.

3. Examinations. 60% of the final grade will come from a traditional in-person written exam. To pass the evaluation of each part, students must obtain a **minimum score of 4 out of 10 on the corresponding exam**. The exam will consist of theoretical and practical questions related to the course content and will be designed in such a way that students are required to connect topics covered in different parts of the course or in previous undergraduate coursework.

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