

**COURSE DATA****DATA SUBJECT****Code:** 46565**Name:** Organic chemistry processes and products**Cycle:** Master's Degree**ECTS Credits:** 3**Academic year:** 2025-26**STUDY (S)**

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
2261 - Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering	Escola Tècnica Superior d'Enginyeria	1	Second quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

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2261 - Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering	Optatividad	ELECTIVES

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

The subject ¿Organic Chemistry Processes and Products¿ is an optative of 3 ECTS credits, which is taught in Spanish. The subject is of a high divulgative character. It is important for the student, as a candidate to develop his professional career in the industry, to know the main sectors of the chemical industry. Therefore, the chemical industry related to tensioactives, plaguicides, hydrocarbons, polymers and pharmaceutical derivatives would be introduced tu the student. Basic knowledge on chemicals sources, both renewable (oil, natural gas or coal) and non-renewable (biomass). In addition, the student would learn the increassing importance of environmental aspects in the organic chemical industry. Thus, the student would learn the reactivity of organic compounds in the environment, as well as the contribution of chemistry to sustainable development and the principles governing green chemistry.

LEARNING OUTCOMES (RD 1393/2007): To Provide an overview of organic products most widely applied in industry, and both their preparation processes and most important applications. Specifically: To know and classify, from the chemical point of view, organic products from renewable and perishable sources, the processes they are involved in, and their environmental implications. To know the different types of polymers, their classification and characterization, as well as the principal polymerization processes. To know and classify the different types of chemical derivatives that act as detergents and surfactants, their composition and environmental behavior. To know and classify, from the chemical point of view, the dyes, pigments and food additives. Studying the chemical basis for colour.

**PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE****RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE**

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

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Bonding and functional groups in organic compounds. Naming and formulation of organic compounds. Representation of the most habitual structures of organic compounds and relation with their physical and chemical properties. Types of isomerism. Stereochemistry. Geometric isomerism. Cahn-Ingold-Prelog's rules. Chirality: concept of stereogenic center. Compounds with several stereogenic centers: carbon: diastereomers and meso compounds. Optical activity. Racemic mixtures. Types of chemical reactions.

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Adapt to changes and be able to apply new and advanced technologies and other relevant developments with initiative and entrepreneurship.

Apply critical reasoning to their knowledge of mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology and other natural sciences, obtained through study, experience and practice, in order to establish economically viable solutions to technical problems.

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

Be able to apply the scientific method and the principles of engineering and economics to formulate and solve complex problems in processes, equipment, facilities and services in which matter changes its composition, state or energy content, these changes being characteristic of the chemical industry and of other related sectors such as pharmacology, biotechnology, materials science, energy, food or the environment.

Be able to assess the need to complete their technical, scientific, language, computer, literary, ethical, social and human education, and to organise their own learning with a high degree of autonomy.

Be able to defend criteria with rigor and arguments and to present them properly and accurately.

Be able to solve unfamiliar and ill-defined problems that have specifications in competition by considering all possible methods of solution, including the most innovative ones, and selecting the most appropriate, and correct implementation by evaluating the different design solutions.

Be able to take responsibility for their own professional development and specialisation in one or more fields of study.

Communicate and discuss proposals and conclusions in specialised and non-specialised multilingual forums, in a clear and unambiguous manner.

Direct and supervise all types of facilities, processes, systems and services in different industrial areas related to chemical engineering.



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 demonstrate self-directed learning skills for continued academic growth.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. Industrial organic processes and products

Organic compounds of industrial interest: Classification. Organic compounds from renewable sources: biomass. Introduction to green chemistry.

2. Polimers and polimerization processes

Classification and characterization of polymers: Degree of polymerization, molecular weight and functionalization. Types and methods of polymerization: Polymerization by addition and condensation. Physical properties of polymers and relationship with their structure. Representative polymers. Environmental implications. Biodegradable polymers.

3. Surfactants and detergents

Mechanisms of detergency. Classification of surfactants. Cationic surfactants. Anionic surfactants. Non-ionic surfactants. Amphoteric surfactants. Estructure and synthesis. Detergent compositions. Environmental behaviour.

4. Dyes, pigments and food additives

Chemical bases of color: chromophores and auxochromes. Introduction and classification of dyes and pigments. Azoic dyes. Anthraquinonoid dyes. Stilbene-derived dyes. Indigo dyes. Manufacture of dye intermediates and dyes. Food additives.

5. Agrochemicals and pharmaceuticals

Classification of agrochemicals. Classification of pharmaceuticals. Discovery and design of biologically and pharmaceutically active compounds. Chirality and activity.



6. Adhesives, coatings and technological materials

The process of adherence. Forms of adhesives. Hot melt adhesives. Thermoset adhesives. Elastomeric adhesives. Natural products. Coatings: Paints and resins. Materials with properties of technological interest.

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Theory	23,00
Classroom practices	7,00
Total hours	30,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	0,00
Independent study and work	20,00
Preparation of lessons	10,00
Preparation for assessment activities	15,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
Total hours	45,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Theoretical activities. Participative magisterial class. Exhibition development of matter with student participation in resolving specific issues.

Practical activities. Learning through problem solving exercises and published scientific reports through which skills about different aspects of the subject are acquired.

EVALUATION

For every call, the assessment will carry out by means of:

- Objective test consisting on an exam featuring theoretical and practical questions as well as problemes (80%). The student must obtain a minimum of 4.5 / 10 so that it can add to the rest of evaluable items.
- Evaluation of practices from the preparation of papers / reports and / or oral presentations activities.



(15 %).

- Continuous assessment based on participation and degree of involvement of the student in the teaching-learning process, taking into account regular attendance to onsite activities and resolution of questions and problems proposed (5 %).

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