

28765 - Construction of Railway Infrastructures

Syllabus Information

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Subject: 28765 - Construction of Railway Infrastructures

Faculty / School: 175 - Escuela Universitaria Politécnica de La Almunia

Degree: 423 - Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering

ECTS: 6.0

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Semester: Second semester

Subject Type: ---

Module: ---

1.General information

1.1.Aims of the course

The subject of Railways provides future graduate with the fundamental knowledge to carry out their professional activity in the field of design, construction and maintenance of railway lines. Both the performance of tasks involved in the Civil Engineering Consultancy (Project/study making related to railways, works management and control, technical counselling) and those involved in the Business Contractors Industry (responsible staff for construction, operation and maintenance tasks, etc.) are included.

This is therefore, a specific subject covering one of the traditional fields of action of the Civil Engineer.

1.2.Context and importance of this course in the degree

The subject of Construction of Railway Infrastructures, is part of the Degree in Civil Engineering offered by the EUPLA, framed within the group of subjects included in the module called Specific Training. It is a third-year course located in the sixth semester and mandatory (OB), with a teaching load of 6 ECTS.

The training offered allows to perform different tasks related to railways such as design, construction and maintenance of the railway taken as a raceway and part of its auxiliary facilities. The subject provides part of the training necessary for the future graduate to adequately carry out professional duties on railways.

1.3.Recommendations to take this course

This course is the first contact the student has with the railways in the degree, so it is not necessary to have completed any other subjects previously, although it is advisable to have knowledge of Surveying, Applied Geology, Geotechnics, Construction Procedures, Mechanics, Electric Technology.

2.Learning goals

2.1.Competences

E05. Ability for the building and maintenance of railway lines with specific knowledge to apply technical standards and distinguishing characteristics of rolling stock.

G01. Ability for organization and planning.

G02. Ability to solve problems.

G03. Ability to make decisions.

G04. Suitability for oral and written communication in their mother tongue.

G05. Ability for analysis and synthesis.

G06. Ability to manage information.

G07. Ability for teamwork.

G08. Ability for critical thinking.

G09. Ability to work in an interdisciplinary team.

G10. Ability to work in an international context.

G11. Ability to improvise and adapt themselves to face new situations.

G12. Leadership ability.

- G13. Positive social attitude towards social and technological innovations.
- G14. Reasoning ability, discussion and presentation of ideas.
- G15. Communication skills through word and image.
- G16. Ability to Search, analyze and select information.
- G17. Ability for independent learning.
- G18. Acquire knowledge and understanding in a field of study ranging from general secondary education to the forefront.
- G19. Apply their knowledge to their work in a professional manner and get competences typically demonstrated through devising and sustaining arguments and solving problems within their field of study.
- G20. Ability to gather and interpret relevant data (usually within their field of study) to make informed judgments that include reflection on relevant social, scientific or ethical issues.
- G21. Transmit information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.
- G22. Develop those skills needed to undertake further studies with a high degree of autonomy.
- G23. Learn and understand the respect to fundamental rights, equal opportunities between men and women, universal accessibility for people with disabilities, and respect for the values ??of the culture of peace and democratic values.
- G24. Foster entrepreneurship.
- G25. Knowledge on information and communication technology. Context and meaning of the subject in the degree

2.2.Learning goals

1. Learn and understand the basic concepts and terminology used in the design of railway lines.
2. Learn the terminology and ability to project a railway and part of its auxiliary facilities.
3. Learn, understand and use the different concepts comprising the infrastructure and superstructure of railways as well as the so-called rolling stock
4. Learn and understand the activities of maintenance and operation of railway lines

2.3.Importance of learning goals

This course has a strong engineering orientation, ie, it offers training with immediate application and content development in the labor and professional market. Through the achievement of relevant learning outcomes the required ability for understanding the operation of railways is obtained.

3.Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

3.1.Assessment tasks (description of tasks, marking system and assessment criteria)

The assessment process will include two types of action:

- a. A system of continuous assessment, which will take place throughout the learning period.
- b. A global assessment test that reflects the achievement of learning outcomes at the end of the teaching period.

a. Continuous assessment system.

These evaluative processes will be made through:

- Direct observation of the student to know their attitude towards the subject and the work that is required (attention in the lectures, the carrying out of tasks assigned to them, solving issues and problems, active participation in the classroom, etc.).
- Direct observation of the skills in everyday work.
- Checking of their progress in the conceptual field (class questions, comments in the classroom, exams, etc.).

The following points summarize the approximate rating of the parts mentioned in the assessment process.

? Participation in Class 10%

? Mandatory Projects / work 10%

? Final Assessment Test 80%

The participations in theoretical and / or practical classes will be accepted both in the classroom and virtual (in the virtual campus, forums or other means accepted in the subject).

All students that cannot reach the minimum goals required in practical tests, exams or suggested academic work in the subject, automatically switch to the non-continuous assessment model.

The student will not pass the subject until he has handed in the project commissioned by the teacher, being September the deadline for that.

Attendance to classroom activities must be at least 80%, students who do not meet this requirement will be out of the continuous assessment.

b. Global Final Assessment Test.

The global assessment test will consist of the following group of activities:

Exercises, theoretical issues and suggested works: The teacher proposes exercises, problems, case studies, theoretical

issues, etc. to be solved individually, which must be handed in before a suggested date.

Written exam: Due to the type of course, it will consist of theoretical and practical problems and tests. All that with reasonable resolution time. The most suitable type of test consists of the solving exercises with theoretical and / or practical application of similar characteristics to the ones solved along the year.

In the following points the approximate weights of the evaluation process are shown:

? Projects / Mandatory tasks 10%

? Final Assessment Test 90%

The student will not pass the subject until he has handed in the project commissioned by the teacher, being September the deadline for that.

No grades of an academic year will be valid for the next.

4. Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

4.1. Methodological overview

The methodology followed in this course is oriented towards the achievement of the learning objectives. A wide range of teaching and learning tasks are implemented, such as lectures, practice sessions, and autonomous work and study.

The teaching methodology is based on a strong interaction teacher/student. This interaction is made a reality by a division of work and responsibilities between students and teachers. However, we have to be aware that to some extent the students can decide their pace of learning according to their needs and availability, following the guidelines set by the teacher.

"If due to health reasons the in-person teaching-learning process is not possible, it shall be carried out telematically."

4.2. Learning tasks

This course is organized as follows:

- **Lectures:** theoretical concepts of the course will be explained and practical examples will be developed.
- **Practice sessions.** Students will develop examples and solve problems or case studies concerning the theoretical concepts studied. There will be monitored autonomous activities: These activities will be monitored by teachers of the course. The student will be allowed to perform these activities in the institution, under the supervision of a teacher of the department.
- **Autonomous work and study.** Reinforcement activities: Through Moodle, several activities that reinforce the basic contents of the course will be conducted. These activities will be customized and monitored.

The course consists of 6 ECTS, which represent 150 hours of student work on the course during the semester. 40% of this work (60 h.) will take place in the classroom, and the rest will be autonomous. A semester consists of 15 teaching weeks.

To schedule the timing, the school week is used as a reference. In that period of time, the student must devote 10 hours to the study of the course.

4.3. Syllabus

This course will address the following topics:

SECTION I: Railway Transport.

TOPIC 1: HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE RAILWAY

TOPIC 2: THE RAILWAY

TOPIC 3: ESSENTIAL FEATURES OF THE RAILWAY TRANSPORT

TOPIC 4: GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS ABOUT THE TRACK

SECTION II: Design and maintenance of railway works.

TOPIC 5: THE RAIL.

TOPIC 6: SLEEPERS.

TOPIC 7: SMALL TRACK MATERIAL.

TOPIC 8: THE PLATFORM.

TOPIC 9: TRACK SYSTEMS.

TOPIC 10: JOINTLESS TRACK.

TOPIC 11: SWITCHES AND CROSSINGS

SECTION III: MOBILE MATERIAL, ELECTRIFICATION, SIGNALLING AND INSPECTIONS

TOPIC 12: TRACK MACHINERY

TOPIC 13: RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION

TOPIC 14: SIGNALS

TOPIC 15: INSPECTIONS

SECTION IV: SIZING

TOPIC 16: RAILWAY ROLLING

TOPIC 17: TRACK GEOMETRY

TOPIC 18: HIGH SPEED

TOPIC 19: CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE

4.4.Course planning and calendar

Next, the contents to be taught in every teaching week are shown. These correspond to the topics presented in the course content. (They may be subject to change to be adapted to unforeseen changes in the school calendar).

- Week 1: SECTION I.
- Week 2 SECTION I
- Week 3: SECTION II
- Week 4: SECTION II
- Week 5: SECTION II.
- Week 6: SECTION III.
- Week 7: SECTION III.
- Week 8: SECTION III.
- Week 9: SECTION III.
- Week 10: SECTION IV.
- Week 11: SECTION IV.
- Week 12: SECTION IV.
- Week 13: SECTION IV.
- Week 14: SECTION IV.
- Week 15: ASSESSMENT

The dates of the final exams will be published in <http://www.eupla.es/secretaria/academica/examenes.html>. The final schedule of the academic year can be seen on the school web <http://www.eupla.es>.

Class schedules and the distribution of group practices will be transmitted to students by the teacher at the beginning of the academic year and will be published on the Moodle platform as well as on the university website (www.eupla.es).

Within the final tests, there will be obligatory exams for all the students. These dates will be published on the website of the university (www.eupla.es) at the beginning of the academic year.

The dates of other activities (such as assessing tests, seminars, compulsory practices, task deadlines ...) will be published at the beginning of the academic year, reported by the teacher to the students the first school day, and they will also be published through the Moodle platform.

4.5.Bibliography and recommended resources

http://biblos.unizar.es/br/br_citas.php?codigo=28765&year=2020