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25200 - Chemical foundations of the environment

Syllabus Information

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Subject: 25200 - Chemical foundations of the environment

Faculty / School: 201 - Escuela Politécnica Superior

Degree: 571 - Degree in Environmental Sciences

ECTS: 6.0

Year: 1

Semester: First Four-month period

Subject Type: Basic Education

Module:

1. General information

2. Learning goals

3. Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

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, seminars and laboratory sessions.

All the proposed activities in this subject are focused on the understanding and assimilation of the chemistry principles to understand the different chemical processes that occur in the environment. Topics explained in lectures will be complemented in laboratory sessions.

A group work will be proposed at the beginning of the course, which will involve the discussion of a proposed topic in collaboration with Fundamentals of Geology. Such topic will be closely related to contents included in both subjects: Chemistry and Geology. Also, individualized tutoring will monitor the learning process development.

4.2. Learning tasks

This course is organized as follows:

- **Lectures and seminars.** Students will receive the content of each lecture as well as the collection of numerical exercises at the beginning of each session.
- **Laboratory sessions.** These laboratory sessions will take 2 hours, approximately every 15 days. Students will have the content before the session, which includes the practical procedure and the theoretical contents.
- **Group work.** During the course students will be divided in groups of 4-5 members in order to develop a particular topic in collaboration with Fundamentals of Geology for the study of the environment. The proposed topic will be closely related to contents included in both subjects: Chemistry and Geology. All the students are encouraged to submit an individual report previous to the final group presentation, which will include a summary with the different sections of the topic in addition to the corresponding bibliography.

4.3. Syllabus

This course will address the following topics:

Lectures

- **Section 1: Atomic Structure**

1. Atoms and atomic theory.
2. The components of the atom.
3. Introduction to the Periodic Table of Elements.
4. Relationships of mass in chemistry: atomic mass, mole, empirical formula.
5. Stoichiometry.

- **Section 2: State of Matter and Solutions**

1. Gaseous State: Gas Properties. Laws of gases, ideal gas equations. Kinetic-molecular theory. Equation of real gases.
2. Solid State: Types of solids. Van der Waals forces. Crystal structures.
3. Liquid State: Liquids Properties. Liquid-vapour balance. Changes of state. Phase diagrams.
4. Solutions: Units of Concentration. The basic fundamentals of solubility. Colligative properties.

- **Section 3: Thermodynamic and Kinetic**

1. Principles of heat transfer.
2. The First Principal of Thermodynamics.
3. Enthalpy. Thermodynamic equations.
4. Reaction rates.
5. Rate equations and integration of simple reaction orders
6. Half-life of reactants
7. Temperature and rate of reaction
8. Arrhenius equation. Activation energy.
9. Catalysis.

- **Section 4: Chemical Equilibrium**

1. Equilibrium. Basic concepts of equilibrium. Constant of Equilibrium. Changes in the conditions of equilibrium.
2. Acid-Base equilibrium: Definition of acid and base. Ionic product of water. pH and pOH. Strength of acids and bases. Buffer solution. pH indicators. Acid-base titration.
3. Redox equilibrium: voltaic cells. Standard Potential. Relation between E° , K y ΔG° . Electrolytic and commercial cells.
4. Precipitation equilibrium: constant of the product of solubility. Dissolving precipitates. Equilibrium of complex ions.

- **Section 5: Carbon Compound**

1. Introduction to hydrocarbons: Alkanes, alkenes, alkynes.
2. Functional organic groups.

Laboratory sessions

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- **Session 1** Preparation of solutions, pH measurements and hydrolysis of electrolytes.
- **Session 2.** Conductivity measurements of aqueous solutions.
- **Session 3.** Acid bases reactions. Titration. The study of a neutralization process by stage
- **Session 4.** Oxidizing and reducing agents. Electron transfer reactions. Reaction of metals with the proton ion (non-oxidant acids) and with oxidant acids. Displacement reactions.
- **Session 5.** Chemical behaviour of alkaline earth metals and chemical behaviour of anions. Precipitation. Determination of an unknown salt
- **Session 6.** Production of hydrogen. Determination of atomic weight of a metal.
- **Session 7.** Wine distillation: percentage of alcohol.

4.4. Course planning and calendar

It is estimated that an average student should dedicate a total of 150 hours to this subject, of 6 ECTS, which should include both face-to-face and non-face-to-face activities. The student should try to ensure that the dedication is spread evenly over the four-month period, at a rate of 8 hours per week (4 face-to-face and 4 non-face-to-face).

The general schedule is as follows:

- theory classes will begin in September with the start of the academic term.
- Problem solving will start during week 2.
- Laboratory practicals will consist of a total of 7 two-hour sessions, and will start in week 3.
- During the 3rd week, students will be presented with the group work topic and the necessary material to develop it in coordination with the Geology subject, setting the date for the revision and presentation of the individual and group scripts.
- The first formulation test will take place during week 11.

However, this schedule may be altered due to the existence of holidays, or other academic activities that may substitute or complete the scheduled ones.

Further information concerning the timetable, classroom, office hours, assessment dates and other details regarding this course will be provided on the first day of class or please refer to the Faculty of Sciences website and Moodle (<http://moodle.unizar.es/>).

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