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28337 - Methods for Paleoenvironmental Reconstruction

Syllabus Information

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Subject: 28337 - Methods for Paleoenvironmental Reconstruction

Faculty / School: 103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras

Degree: 419 - Degree in Geography and Land Management

ECTS: 6.0

Year:

Semester: First semester

Subject Type: Optional

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 achievement of the learning objectives. A wide range of teaching and learning tasks are implemented, such as lectures, practical exercises, individual and group tasks, guided tasks, field work, autonomous work and study.

Classroom materials will be available via Moodle. These include a repository of the lecture notes used in class, the course syllabus, as well as other course-specific learning materials.

4.2. Learning tasks

The course includes the following learning tasks:

- **Lectures (30 hours).** Usually, after a presentation of the conceptual and methodological aspects of the syllabus, the teacher introduces interactive, individual or group activities. Diverse teaching and learning skills are put into practice to encourage the participation of students like class discussion, brainstorming, forums, etc. The students have in the *Anillo Digital Docente* (Moodle Site) a repository of the lecture notes used in class as well as other forms of course-specific complementary materials (recommended readings, web pages links, graphic and cartographic resources, etc.).
- **Practice and laboratory sessions (24 hours).** These sessions will take place in the assigned classroom or, punctually, in the computer classroom. At the beginning of every session the necessary information will be facilitated to the student to carry out the tasks to be worked on during the session. Among the activities that are programmed we can stand out: photointerpretation and elaboration of geomorphological cartography; reading, analysis and commentary of different documents, etc.
- **Field work (4 hours).** This session will serve to examine on the field some of the contents developed in the theoretical and practical activities (dating methods, interpretation of deposits of Quaternary age, etc.).
- Autonomous work and study (86 hours)
- Assessment tasks (6 hours)

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4.3. Syllabus

The course will address the following topics:

- Topic 1. The Quaternary: introductory aspects.
- Topic 2. Chronology of the Quaternary.
- Topic 3. The pre-Quaternary context: climate changes generating factors.
- Topic 4. Climate changes indicators.
- Topic 5. Organisms and fossil record during the Quaternary.
- Topic 6. Pleistocene: the glacial-interglacial cycles.
- Topic 7. Holocene: climate variability.

4.4. Course planning and calendar

The course "*Métodos para la reconstrucción de paleoambientes*" is divided into 7 topics. The first and second topics are introductory; they run during the first four weeks of the semester. The topics 3-5 are taught during the middle part of the semester. The topics 6 and 7 are explained during the final month of the course.

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 "Facultad de Filosofía y Letras" website (<https://fyl.unizar.es/horario-de-clases#overlay-context=horario-de-clases>)

4.5. Bibliography and recommended resources

Basic bibliography:

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- EHLERS, J., HUGHES, P. y GIBBARD, P.L. (2015): *The Ice Age*, Wiley-Blackwell, London, 560 pp.

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- VEGA, G., BERNABEU, J. y CHAPA, T. (2006): *La prehistoria*, Editorial Síntesis, Madrid, 271 pp.
- VÁZQUEZ ABELEDO, M. (1998): *La historia del Sol y el cambio climático*, McGraw Hill, Madrid, 488 pp.
- WALKER, M. (2005): *Quaternary dating methods*, Wiley, London, 286 pp.
- WILLIAMS, M.A., DUNKERLEY, D.L., DE DECKKER, P., KERSHAW, A.P. y STOKES, T. (1993): *Quaternary Environments*, Edward Arnold, New York, 329 pp.