

25253 - Society and territory

Syllabus Information

Academic year: 2023/24
Subject: 25253 - Society and territory
Faculty / School: 201 - Escuela Politécnica Superior
Degree: 571 - Degree in Environmental Sciences
ECTS: 3.0
Year: 2
Semester: First Four-month period
Subject type: Compulsory
Module:

1. General information

This subject deals with social and territorial contents related to the environment. Its main objective is to make the student aware that the problems associated with the environment are linked to human activities, and to show the importance of social phenomena and the forms of social and territorial organization in environmental processes and problems. . Another objective is to analyse the reciprocal influence that the environment has on society and the implications of that influence on the territory.

These approaches and objectives are aligned especially with the following Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), from the following agenda 2030 (<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/es/>):

Goal 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

2. Learning results

- 1- Identify and explain the diversity of elements and social agents that interact in the territory generating environmental problems.
- 2- Correctly define and explain the most important concepts, contents and processes on socio-territorial issues
- 3- Carry out diagnoses after the analysis and interpretation of processes and problems in the territory at different spatial scales
- 4- Synthesize and explain socio-territorial phenomena and their relationship with the environment based on real cases;
- 5- Identify the basis for sustainable economic growth in the tourism sector (Objective 8.9, Goal 8 SDG).
- 6- Present adequately in writing and orally, with clarity, scientific rigor and order, both in the content and formally, the work done in the subject, from the collection and processing of socioeconomic and territorial data
- 7- Know how to differentiate, use and judge the main sources of information and techniques to carry out studies of a socio-territorial nature.

3. Syllabus

Topic 1. Population growth and distribution. Inequalities and socio-environmental and territorial problems.

Topic 2. Transportation and mobility of the population.

Topic 3. The sustainability of rural areas: depopulation.

Topic 4. The city and the urbanization process: driving force of social and territorial transformations.

Topic 5. Tourism, territory and environment.

4. Academic activities

Master classes: 14 hours

Theoretical sessions in which the contents of the subject will be explained

Problems and cases: 12 hours

Information gathering and representation, and Case studies on territorial processes

Special practices: 4 hours

Field trip to the territory to test concepts and theoretical ideas seen in the classroom.

Assessment tests: 1.5 hours

Personal work of the student: 43.5 hours

Total student hours: 75 hours

5. Assessment system

The subject is of global evaluation and includes these activities

Test 1. Individual written test of short and multiple-choice questions (50% of the grade, minimum 5 out of 10).

The theoretical exam will be of all the material seen in the theoretical and practical classes. The open-ended questions will evaluate the correct definition of concepts, theories and contents, the ability to explain, summarize and relate them to each other, the clarity and order in the expression and argumentation.

Test 2. Individual hand-in of practical exercises on paper (50% of the grade, minimum 5 out of 10)

It will consist of obtaining, processing and presenting socio-demographic, economic, territorial and environmental information on different territories. The objective is that the student knows how to obtain, treat, represent and explain correctly statistical information of territorial character.

The evaluation criteria for this practice will be:

- Knowledge and use of sources and documents from which to obtain information of a socio-territorial and environmental character.
- The correct collection, processing and representation of information in the form of tables and graphs.
- Correction of references to bibliographic documents and/or sources, to be included at the end of the paper.

It will be necessary to obtain 5 out of 10 in the theoretical exam in order to take the practical exam (and vice versa).

The success rate of the subject in the last three years is 82.76%, 63.16% and 87.10%.