UNIVERSIDADE DA CORUÑA

Teaching Guide				
Identifying Data				2015/16
Subject (*)	Laboautomatización		Code	610G01038
Study programme	Grao en Química			
Descriptors				
Cycle	Period	Year	Type	Credits
Graduate	2nd four-month period	Fourth	Optativa	4.5
Language	SpanishGalician			
Teaching method	Face-to-face			
Prerequisites				
Department	Química Física e Enxeñaría Química 1			
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General description	Among the different tasks to perform in a laboratory measurement recording, data analysis and modification of experimental conditions depending on those results are some of the most commonly done. Often, these tasks can be done automatically using a PC. Most of the existing equipments in laboratories can be controlled, and programmed to carry out its operations without human intervention, and these tasks can be automated through software control from a PC. In this subject different strategies to achieve automation of common tasks will be shown. This can be used to make easier the everyday work in a laboratory.			

Study programme competences	
Code	Study programme competences
A15	Ability to recognise and analyse new problems and develop solution strategies
A16	Ability to source, assess and apply technical bibliographical information and data relating to chemistry
A19	Ability to follow standard procedures and handle scientific equipment
A20	Ability to interpret data resulting from laboratory observation and measurement
A21	Understanding of qualitative and quantitative aspects of chemical problems
A22	Ability to plan, design and develop projects and experiments
A23	Critical standards of excellence in experimental technique and analysis
A25	Ability to recognise and analyse link between chemistry and other disciplines, and presence of chemical processes in everyday life
B2	Effective problem solving
B3	Application of logical, critical, creative thinking
B4	Working independently on own initiative
B5	Teamwork and collaboration
B7	Effective workplace communication
C2	Oral and written proficiency in a foreign language
C3	Ability to use basic information and communications technology (ICT) tools for professional purposes and learning throughout life
C6	Ability to assess critically the knowledge, technology and information available for problem solving
C8	Understanding role of research, innovation and technology in socio-economic and cultural development

Learning outcomes			
Learning outcomes	Study programme competences		
To know the basic concepts about equipment control and communication between equipment and PC	A15 A16 A19	B4 B7	C2 C3 C8

To know the basic programming elements within the LabVIEW program environment.	A20 A22 A23 A25	B3	C3 C6
To develop procedures for data acquisition and analysis form the instrumentation available in the laboratory.	A19 A20 A21 A22 A23 A25	B2 B3 B5	C3 C6
To process the numerical data obtained from the acquisition, to create final reports of results with the appropriate format considering the experiment and control process.	A20 A22	B3	C3 C6

Contents	
Topic	**Sub-topic**
-General concepts in system control.	-Basic principles. Types of control. Discrete sytems. Control diagrams. General targets and evaluation criteria. Digital and analog data. Programmable logic controller.
-Introduction to graphical programming using LabVIEW	-Front panel, block diagram, tool bars and pop-up menus. Virtual instruments
-Components of a virtual instrument.	-Controls, indicators and constants. Data-flow execution structures. Data categories in LabVIEW.
-Basic operations with data.	-Logic operators. Mathematical operators. Array an clusters build-up.
-The use of structures.	-For and While loops. Making decisions with Case structure. Sequences. Formulas. Advanced structures.
-Data representation and storage.	-Graphic representations. Input and output files.
-Advance tasks.	-Creation of subVI's. Local variables and "shift registers". Property node. Icon edition and terminal connection.
-Instrument control.	-Types of connections. Instrument control through RS232 connection.

Planning				
Methodologies / tests	**Competencies**	**Ordinary class hours**	**Student?s personal work hours**	**Total hours**
Guest lecture / keynote speech	A21 A23 A25 B3 C2	8	16	24
ICT practicals	A15 A16 A19 A20 A22 B2 B4 C2 C3 C6	3	10.5	13.5
Laboratory practice	A15 A16 A19 A20 A22 A23 B2 B3 B5 B7 C3 C6 C8	30	42	72
Mixed objective/subjective test	A20 A21 A22 A25 B2 B3 C3 C6	2	0	2
Personalized attention		1	0	1
(*)The information in the planning table is for guidance only and does not take into account the heterogeneity of the students.				

Methodologies	
Methodologies	**Description**
Guest lecture / keynote speech	Lectures where the theoretical concepts are introduced, and basic introduction to the use of LabVIEW program is given.
ICT practicals	Practical sessions where simple exercises are solved in order to get familiar with the use of the program as well as the application of logic process in programming,

Laboratory practice	Laboratory demonstrations where the knowledge acquired is applied to common situations during the use of laboratory equipments.
Mixed objective/subjective test	Final test where the subject knowledge, both theoretical and practical, is evaluated.

Personalized attention	
Methodologies	**Description**
Laboratory practice ICT practicals	Students should present suggested exercises where the knowledge acquisition will be checked. Doubts and problems will be also clarified.

Assessment			
Methodologies	**Competencies**	**Description**	**Qualification**
Laboratory practice	A15 A16 A19 A20 A22 A23 B2 B3 B5 B7 C3 C6 C8	Common situations such as equipment communication and operation will be analysed and solved.	50
Mixed objective/subjective test	A20 A21 A22 A25 B2 B3 C3 C6	Basic theoretical concepts and instrument control and data manipulation skills will be assessed.	50

Assessment comments
-Positive final assessment could not be achieved if a mark lower than 3 out of 10 is attained in any of the two methodologies to be evaluated (i.e. Laboratory practice and Mixed objective/subjective test). -Minimum mark to successfully pass the subject is 5 out of 10, obtained as an average of the two qualifications achieved. -Related to the previous two items, in the case of an average mark equal or greater than 5 out of 10, but without achieving the minimum mark required in any of the two assessed methodologies, the final mark will appear as FAIL (4.5). -For the second opportunity (retake), previous marks with a minimum of 5 out of 10 can be maintained. But none of them will be maintained if the student has to repeat the subject the following year. In the following academic courses, the teaching-learning process, including assessment, would start which means that the students must complete all scheduled activities for the new course. -"Not attended" assessment mark will be allocated to those students not starting the laboratory practice. -To successfully pass the subject it is compulsory for the students to participate both in the laboratory practices and the final test. -Students assessed in the retake could only obtain an Honors mark if all the Honors available have not been allocated after the first opportunity assessment. Scheduled activities dates:-First opportunity: to be established. Check published information of the Faculty.-Second opportunity: to be established. Check published information of the Faculty.

Sources of information

Basic	- Travis, J. and Kring, J. (2008). LabVIEW for Everyone Graphical Programming Made Easy and Fun. Prentice Hall - del Río Fernández, J; Shariat-Panahi, S.; Sarriá Gandul, D. y Lázaro, A.M. (2011). LabVIEW Programación para sistemas de instrumentación. Garceta - Various (2000-2014). Reports and colaboration papers from National Instruments, in PDF and PPS format (restricted sharing in the asignature web cloud). - Hernández Gaviño, Ricardo (2010). Introducción a los sistemas de control: Conceptos, aplicaciones y simulación con MATLAB. Prentice Hall - Seborg, D.E.; Edgar, T.F.; Mellichamp, D.A. (2004). Process Dynamics and Control. John Wiley & Sons - Outras fontes bibliográficas moi específicas e variables que só se atopan online, aparecerán como arquivos PDF na web da asignatura (dentro da web moodle.udc.es) e estarán accesibles ao longo do curso.
Complementary	-Artículos de investigación relacionados coa temática, procedentes de distintas fontes, como por exemplo o Journal of Chemical Education ou Journal of Automated Methods & Management in Chemistry

Recommendations
Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before
Química Física 1/610G01016 Química Física 2/610G01017 Química Física 3/610G01018
Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously
Química Física Avanzada/610G01020
Subjects that continue the syllabus
Other comments
The information sources are written in english, so non english-speaking students should have at least an average level of understanding of this language.