



## Teaching Guide

Identifying Data					2022/23
Subject (*)	Evaluation and Optimization of the Energy System Sustainability	Code	770523020		
Study programme	Mestrado Universitario en Eficiencia e Aproveitamento Enerxético				
Descriptors					
Cycle	Period	Year	Type	Credits	
Official Master's Degree	2nd four-month period	First	Optional	3	
Language	SpanishGalicianEnglish				
Teaching method	Face-to-face				
Prerequisites					
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Web	<a href="https://moodle.udc.es/my/">https://moodle.udc.es/my/</a>				
General description	<p>Basic concepts. Assessment of environmental, social and economic sustainability, and its application to electricity production. Optimisation methods in engineering and its application to simple energy systems.</p> <p>NOTE: this subject is no longer taught, as it is a degree in extinction, replaced by the new Master in Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (MEES). If the UDC allows these students to follow the course with the students of the same MEES subject, and provides all the necessary means to do so, the students will be able to have teaching, and their assessment will be of the same type as that of their MEES classmates. Otherwise, or if there are students who decide not to take advantage of the opportunity mentioned above, the evaluation will be by means of a final exam of the subject, which may be oral.</p>				

## Study programme competences / results

Code	Study programme competences / results
A11	Capacidad para aplicar métodos de análisis de datos para la creación de sistemas energéticos eficientes.
B1	Que los estudiantes sepan aplicar los conocimientos adquiridos y su capacidad de resolución de problemas en entornos nuevos o poco conocidos dentro de contextos más amplios (o multidisciplinares) relacionados con su área de estudio.
B2	Que los estudiantes sean capaces de integrar conocimientos y enfrentarse a la complejidad de formular juicios a partir de una información que, siendo incompleta o limitada, incluya reflexiones sobre las responsabilidades sociales y éticas vinculadas a la aplicación de sus conocimientos y juicios.
B3	Poseer y comprender conocimientos que aporten una base u oportunidad de ser originales en el desarrollo y/o aplicación de ideas, a menudo en un contexto de investigación.
B6	Buscar y seleccionar alternativas considerando las mejores soluciones posibles.
B7	Desarrollar las capacidades de análisis y síntesis; fomentar la discusión crítica, la defensa de argumentos y la toma de conclusiones.
B10	Potenciar la creatividad.
B16	Valorar la aplicación de tecnologías emergentes en el ámbito de la energía y el medio ambiente.
C2	Fomentar la sensibilidad hacia temas medioambientales.
C3	Aplicar una metodología que fomente el aprendizaje y el trabajo autónomo.
C4	Desarrollar el pensamiento crítico

## Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Study programme competences / results		
To know the main existing methods for sustainability assessment. To be able to apply them by using existing commercial software applications.	AJ11	BC1 BC2 BC6 BC7	CC2 CC4



To know the main methods for optimization in engineering. To be able to design simple models of sustainable energy systems aimed to their optimization.	BC3 BC10 BC16	CC3
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Contents	
Topic	Sub-topic
Os bloques ou temas seguintes desenvolven os contidos establecidos na ficha da Memoria de Verificación.	Contido da ficha da Memoria de Verificación.
Assessing and optimizing the sustainability of energy systems.	<p>Basic concepts. Sustainable development, sustainability. Assessment and optimization of sustainability in engineering: state of the art.</p> <p>Main methods for assessing sustainability. Useful computer applications.</p> <p>Case study: assessing the sustainability of renewable and non-renewable power plants.</p> <p>Optimization methods in engineering. Useful computer applications.</p> <p>Sustainability models of simple energy systems and its optimization. Conceptual framework, models and methods.</p>

Planning				
Methodologies / tests	Competencies / Results	Teaching hours (in-person & virtual)	Student?s personal work hours	Total hours
Guest lecture / keynote speech	B3 B7 B10 C2 C4	10	15	25
Case study	A11 B1 B2 B6 B16 C3	11	34	45
Personalized attention		5	0	5

(\*)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	Oral presentation (using audiovisual material and student interaction) designed to transmit knowledge and encourage learning. Presentations of this type are variously referred to as ?expository method?, ?guest lectures? or ?keynote speeches?. (The term ?keynote? refers only to a type of speech delivered on special occasions, for which the lecture sets the tone or establishes the underlying theme; it is characterised by its distinctive content, structure and purpose, and relies almost exclusively on the spoken word to communicate its ideas). In situations where face-to-face teaching is not possible or recommendable, classes will be offered online.
Case study	Teaching-learning method in which students are presented with a specific set of real-life circumstances and a problem (?case?) which they must attempt to understand, assess and solve either as an individual or as a group. Students should be able to analyse a series of facts relating to a particular area of knowledge or activity, and arrive at a rational conclusion or numerical result, individually, or via a process of discussion within small work groups. In situations where face-to-face teaching is not possible or recommendable, practice sessions will be offered online.

Personalized attention	
Methodologies	Description



Case study	<p>Professors will help the student for solving theoretical or practical doubts.</p> <p>The supervision sessions will take place be in the professor's office, located in his center.</p> <p>The personalized attention may be performed in the official schedules for that purpose, or in other moments but, in order to avoid unnecessary waiting time for the student, in either case, the date and time shall be agreed in advance through Email or telephone.</p> <p>The figures related to personalized attention in the Planning section are merely indicative.</p> <p>In situations where face-to-face teaching is not possible or recommendable, this help will be offered online.</p>
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## Assessment

Methodologies	Competencies / Results	Description	Qualification
Case study	A11 B1 B2 B6 B16 C3	See what has been said in this regard in the section on Methodologies.	100

## Assessment comments



In order to solve the problems of students with academic dispensation, or with coinciding class schedules, or with other problems that prevent attendance at class, such attendance is not compulsory. However, it is a fact that the probability of passing the subject and of obtaining a high grade increase with attendance and, therefore, attendance is recommended. There will be two types of coursework, one or more will be compulsory, and one will be optional. Compulsory courses will account for 80% of the overall grade, and optional courses will account for the rest. In order to pass the subject, it is enough for students to carry out the compulsory work, accounting for 80% of the final grade. In situations where face-to-face teaching is not possible or recommendable, the coursework supervision will be carried out online. Part of the compulsory work will be carried out during class time, with the support of the teacher. Students who do not attend class must also do these works, consulting their doubts with the teacher. All students must defend their compulsory coursework. In order to overcome this defence, the teachers will ask the student questions, and the student will have to demonstrate that she/he has the necessary theoretical knowledge to really know what she/he has done with the computer during the development of the aforementioned work, and to interpret the results to which she/he has arrived. These questions may be asked either orally or in writing. In situations where face-to-face evaluation is not possible or recommendable, these questions will be asked online. Student responsibilities. The difference between distance Universities (e.g., the UNED; the Open University) and the rest of Universities is that, in the first ones, the University is responsible for contacting the students and providing them with all the materials necessary for passing the subject, by studying those materials. That is not the case of the rest of Universities, such as the UDC, in which the student is responsible for contacting the professors; downloading the materials contained in Moodle and working with them; attending the classes and taking notes on what it said by the professors; following the written and verbal instructions of the professor; and studying all the materials referred to, in order to pass the subject. The students who do not attend some classes (including the ones with exemption for attending the classes), have the same responsibilities as the rest of students, although in this case, since they are not attending the classes, they are responsible for getting in touch with peers and professors, aiming to collect all the teaching material that has been alluded. The basic correction criteria are as follows: The score will be null if the answer or result of the calculation: - Include a misconception. - Do not include adequate justification of the decision taken or, in general, of the response requested (if such justification is requested). - Or they do not respect any of the essential requirements that the statement has established. - In the case of numerical results, if the result requested does not coincide with the one to be obtained (leaving possible rounding differences to the margin), or if the necessary detail of the operations carried out is not included, or if the calculation computer file used to carry out the exercise is not included. If the wording carried out by the student is not clear, can not be understood or is grammatically incorrect, the grade may even go down to zero points, if this wording is impossible to understand, or may give rise to misunderstandings, or may lead to the non-compliance of any of the essential requirements that the statement has established. Bear in mind that one of the missions of a graduate of this Master is to generate designs and give written orders for the appropriate work to be carried out; this implies the need to write correctly. It is key to generate documents that are easily intelligible, so that the other stakeholders could understand what is happening or what they have to do. This includes, among other things, that the student must write with correct spelling and syntax, and must always use the appropriate technical language, and not a colloquial one. In accordance with the UDC's internal policies and guidelines, work that is likely to lead to this problem will be analysed by means of an anti-plagiarism system. Software of this type does not work intelligently (e.g. it may consider the student's name or affiliation as plagiarism) and, therefore, the professor will evaluate the results of the analysis with due caution. Bearing this problem in mind, in general, any work with more than 25% of text considered as plagiarism by the software will not be accepted. It will be returned to the student, who will have to submit it with the problem solved at the next opportunity or, if it is the second opportunity, in the following course. The evaluation criteria are the same for the first and the second opportunity. In the event that the student applies for an early exam session, he/she must fulfil the same requirements as the other students, with sufficient time in advance to be eligible for this right, notifying the teacher sufficiently in advance so that he/she can make the necessary arrangements. In any case, always developing the topics to be taught and, therefore, fulfilling the teaching assignment within the framework established by the number of credits of the subject, the teacher has the right to Academic Freedom, as recognized by the Spanish Constitution, the Spanish Constitutional Court, the Spanish Organic Law of Universities, the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, and UNESCO. Obviously, the teacher must always act within the law, and must teach modern, current, and correct contents covering the entire scope defined by the curriculum. The Spanish Constitution (Art. 20) establishes respect for the Academic Freedom which, in its different definitions (e.g., Real Academia Española and Consejo General del Poder Judicial; <https://dej.rae.es>), implies the possibility of the professor to explain the subject in accordance with his or her own convictions, complying with the established syllabuses, and within the framework of the institutions responsible for organizing education, as long as they adequately exercise the corresponding responsibility. At the same time, Castillo Córdova (2006) includes in the Academic Freedom the faculty to choose the methodology that the professor considers most appropriate to transmit the knowledge. The latter means that the aspects of this guide corresponding to the teaching methods to be used, and the percentage of hours to be devoted to each of them, are merely tentative, for guidance, and the teacher will be able to make changes if he / she considers it positive, being able to investigate whether there are better methodological approaches for teaching, such as some of those proposed in scientific literature or in specialized monographs on the subject (Felder and Brent, 2016), and always in favour of academic results. All of the above explained with respect to teaching methodologies will never negatively affect the mode of evaluation, in which the student will always be able to obtain the maximum grade regardless of his or her personal circumstances, in accordance with what is established in this evaluation section. References- Castillo Córdova, Luis

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Sources of information

<b>Basic</b>	Apuntes e transparencias da materia, ao dispor do alumno en Moodle. Apuntes e transparencias da materia, ao dispor do alumno en Moodle.
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## Recommendations

Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before

Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously

Subjects that continue the syllabus

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## Other comments

In the event that the official timetable does not allow for teaching all the class hours that correspond to the number of ECTS (e.g. for reasons of public holidays that coincide with class days), the professor may establish face-to-face or virtual classes to complete the syllabus. Class development  
In face-to-face sessions, the students will respect the opportune punctuality, and they will not be able to enter in class after the beginning of the session, except in the case of practical sessions in which the students are working with the support of the professor. With current technology, the student is losing the ability to take notes (something necessary in the enterprise environment) and, on the other hand, tends to distraction when using electronic means to follow an explanation. Therefore, and despite the fact that this subject includes notes in Moodle for the whole subject, students will not be able to use computers, tablets or mobiles in class, while the teacher is making an explanation. In these moments the student must concentrate on the explanation and take handwritten, either as an element of study or as a complement to their electronic notes. Sustainability  
For helping to achieve a sustained environment and comply with the objective of the action number 5, "Healthy and sustainable teaching and research", of the "Ferrol Green Campus Action Plan", all must make a sustainable use of resources and prevent negative impacts on the natural environment. For this reason, the delivery of the course works performed in this subject will be made exclusively in electronic format. The student should not employ, in any case, physical material of any kind (paper, ink, binding, etc.). In addition, on demand, the professors and the University will facilitate the full integration of students that, having an adequate background to be able to pass the subject, may experience difficulties (physical, sensorial, psychological, socio-cultural) for a suitable, equal, and useful access to the university life.

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