



Teaching Guide				
Identifying Data				2024/25
Subject (*)	Underground Constructions and Tunnels	Code	632514030	
Study programme	Mestrado Universitario en Enxeñaría de Camiños, Canais e Portos			
Descriptors				
Cycle	Period	Year	Type	Credits
Official Master's Degree	2nd four-month period	First	Optional	4.5
Language	Galician			
Teaching method	Hybrid			
Prerequisites				
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General description	The main aspects of: the history of the tunnels, the tunnel project, the tunnels in soils and soft rocks, the tunnels in hard rocks, the construction methods of caves, the hydrology in the tunnels, the numerical modeling of underground works are presented. and some recent examples of underground works			

Study programme competences / results	
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Learning outcomes			
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Assimilate the fundamental concepts of tunnels and underground works			
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Train for the tunnel project			
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Know the methods to evaluate the effects of the works on the ground and the hydrology of the subsoil			
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Know and select the construction methods of tunnels and underground works			
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Contents	
Topic	Sub-topic
Introduction and Generalities	Reason for underground works
	History and technological evolution
	Functional determining factors of the design



Geological-geotechnical characterization of tunnels	Geological-geotechnical risks Geological-geotechnical survey Geomechanical classifications
Models of tunnel behavior	Design criteria and factors Design methods Models of mechanical behavior Models of hydrogeological behavior of tunnels Subsidence study and geotechnical auscultation
Execution methods	Selection criteria Traditional NMAT Tunnel boring machines
Other underground works	Microtunnels Shafts directed drilling

Planning				
Methodologies / tests	Competencies / Results	Teaching hours (in-person & virtual)	Student's personal work hours	Total hours
Guest lecture / keynote speech		20	10	30
Supervised projects		14	28	42
Case study		6	0	6
Field trip		6.5	0	6.5
Problem solving		13	10	23
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	The different teachers of the subject will present in a maxistrat session the different topics of the subject. Oral presentation complemented with the use of audiovisual media and the introduction of some questions addressed to the students, in order to transmit knowledge and facilitate learning.
Supervised projects	On a piece of land and for a specific work, propose and develop the methodological process to design the tunnel - Geotechnical reconnaissance - Study of alternatives - Design and calculation alternative chosen GROUP WORK
Case study	Analysis of real cases from the educational perspective of the student, facilitating the understanding of the development of the case and its critical assessment from the technical, economic and social point of view.
Field trip	Underground works in progress will be used to check ie the execution methods as well as the organizational operating systems. (Access tunnels to the outer port of Coruña and Ferrol.)



Problem solving	The different teachers of the subject will collaboratively carry out practical exercises in applying theoretical knowledge to strengthen their assimilation.
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Personalized attention

Methodologies	Description
Supervised projects Guest lecture / keynote speech Problem solving	For the development of the works and the understanding of the concepts, personalized attention will be developed, presence or on-line with the students without limit.

Assessment

Methodologies	Competencies / Results	Description	Qualification
Supervised projects		Make and present the supervised work in the classroom. Answer, after the presentation, questions about it from the students and teachers of the subject.	35
Case study		Study and evaluation of the information Retrospective analysis Study of alternatives in initial situation	15
Guest lecture / keynote speech		Attendance and participation in classes and possible conferences.	25
Problem solving		Review with the teachers of the subject the resolution of the proposed problems.	25

Assessment comments

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Sources of information

Basic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (). www.ita-aites.org. - E.Hoek, and E.T. Brown (). Underground Excavations in Rock. - C. López Jimeno (). Ingeotúneles. Tomo I ?y otros. Entorno gráfico - C. López Jimeno. (). Manual de túneles y obras subterráneas? tomos I y II. Entorno gráfico - L I. González Vallejo ,..., Carlo Oteo, (). (). Ingeniería Geológica .. Pearsón - Jimenez Salas y otros (1980). Geotecnia y Cimientos III. Rueda - (). www.aetos.es.
Complementary	- M.Melis (). ?Apuntes de introducción al Proyecto y Construcción de Túneles y Metros en suelos y rocas blandas o muy rotas.

Recommendations

Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before

Extension in Soil Engineering/632514013

Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously

Rock Mechanics/632514033

Advanced Foundation Solutions/632514032

Subjects that continue the syllabus

Other comments

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