



Universitat de Lleida

# DEGREE CURRICULUM

# **INSTRUMENTAL ANALYSIS AND STANDARDIZATION**

Coordination: CUADROS DOMENECH, ROSA

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## Subject's general information

Subject name	INSTRUMENTAL ANALYSIS AND STANDARDIZATION			
Code	103115			
Semester	1st Q(SEMESTER) CONTINUED EVALUATION			
Typology	Degree	Course	Character	Modality
	Master's Degree in Leather Engineering	1	COMPULSORY	Blended learning
Course number of credits (ECTS)	6			
Type of activity, credits, and groups	Only examination			
Coordination	CUADROS DOMENECH, ROSA			
Department	ENVIRONMENT AND SOIL SCIENCES AND CHEMISTRY			
Teaching load distribution between lectures and independent student work	Classroom and laboratory lessons 50 hours Self study 70 hours			
Important information on data processing	Consult <a href="#">this link</a> for more information.			
Language	Spanish and English			
Distribution of credits	Irene Compte 6C Theoric lessons 4C Laboratory practises 2C Pralab 0C			

Teaching staff	E-mail addresses	Credits taught by teacher	Office and hour of attention
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## Subject's extra information

The main objectives for the students are to acquire an advanced ability to evaluate the quality of the leather and its raw materials, and the solutions to its measuring problems.

In order to achieve these goals, an introduction into the chemical, physical and leather solids laboratory practices will be done.

A very important aspect of this subject is the aptitude of interpreting the results of the analysis of leather, and the capability to correlate these results with the influence of the mechanical and chemical factors of the production processes.

Due to the great significance of the regulations, guidelines, quality specifications and the Restricted Substances Lists in this field, the student will be introduced to the mechanisms and necessary sources in order to be continuously updated.

This is a very practical subject, and the methodology insists on making exercises (problem solving exercises and short laboratory tests) in every lesson.

It is **COMPULSORY** that the students bring the following elements of individual protection (EPI) to the practices at the laboratory.

- Laboratory gown from UdL
- Protection glasses
- Mechanical protection gloves

They can be purchased through the shop Údels of the UdL:

C/ Jaume II, 67 baixos  
Centre the Cultures i Cooperació Transfronterera

<http://www.publicacions.udl.cat/>

There will be a specific service for the *Campus Universitari d'Igualada*.

The use of other elements of protection (for example caps, masks, gloves of chemical or electrical risk, etc.) will depend on the type of practice to be done. In that case, the teacher will inform of the necessity of specific EPI.

Not bringing the EPI's described or not fulfilling the norms of general security that are detailed below imply that the student can not access to the laboratories or have to go out of them. The no realisation of the practices for this reason imply the **consequences in the evaluation** of the subject that are described in this course guide.

## GENERAL NORMS OF SECURITY IN LABORATORY PRACTICES

- Keep the place of realisation of the practices clean and tidy. The table of work has to be free from

backpacks, folders, coats...

- No short trousers or short skirts are allowed in the laboratory.
- Closed and covered footwear is compulsory in the laboratory.
- Long hair needs to be tied.
- Keep the laboratory gown laced in order to be protected from spills of chemicals.
- Bangles, pendants or wide sleeves are not allowed as they can be trapped.
- Avoid the use of contact lenses, since the effect of the chemical products is much bigger if they enter between the contact lense and the cornea. Protection over-glasses can be purchased.
- No food or drink is allowed in the laboratory.
- It is forbidden to smoke in the laboratories.
- Wash your hands whenever you have contact with a chemical product and before going out of the laboratory.
- Follow the instructions of the teacher and of the laboratory technicians and ask for any doubt on security.

For further information, you can check the following document of the *Servei de Prevenció de Riscos Laborals de la UdL*: <http://www.sprl.udl.cat/alumnes/index.html>

## Learning objectives

- Acquire advanced knowledge about solving the problem of measuring and evaluating the quality of the leather and its raw materials.
- To know the necessary resources to keep updated on the constant changes of the regulations about leather testing.
- To know the use of material and devices found in the testing leather laboratory.
- To know how to correctly read and interpret the information given by every test or analysis.
- The student must develop a necessary criterion to correctly interpret the causes and factors that led to the obtained results of the leather analysis, being able to integrate and correlate them with the knowledge learned in the subjects of Technology and Processes.
- To achieve the ability to apply the learned information into creating possible solutions to new analytical challenges, which may appear in the leather sector. As well as to improve the existing methods, basing from procedures of other industries.
- Acquire the adequate scientific fundamentals to adapt in any emerging technique or method.

## Competences

### Basic competences

B06 To possess and understand knowledge that provides a basis or opportunity to be original in the development and / or application of ideas, often in a research context.

B07 That students know how to apply the acquired knowledge and have the ability to solve problems in new or unfamiliar environments within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to their area of study.

B10 That students have the learning skills that allow them to continue studying in a way that will be largely self-directed or autonomous.

### General competences

CG1. To apply properly mathematical, analytical, scientific, instrumental, technological and management aspects.

CG2. To technically and economically manage projects, facilities, plants, companies and technology centers.

### Specific competences

CE1. To analyze the different raw materials, intermediate and final products in the leather manufacturing process.

CE2. To analyze, apply and project the main unit operations and the systems that make up the leather manufacturing process.

CE4. To apply theories and principles of leather engineering in order to analyze complex situations and make decisions through engineering resources.

CE9. To project, calculate and design products, processes, facilities and layouts, related to the field of leather engineering.

CE11. To apply the necessary legislation in the field of leather engineering.

## Subject contents

### **Unit 1. Standardization of leather testing**

### **Unit 2. Sampling**

Lesson 2.1. Number of leathers to analyse from the batch

Lesson 2.2. Location of sampling on the leather

### **Unit 3. The physical testing of leather**

Lesson 3.1. General comments. Conditioning

Lesson 3.2. Measurement of dimensions

Lesson 3.3. Resistance to mechanical and abrasive actions

Lesson 3.4. Performance from water and water vapour

Lesson 3.5. Performance from heat and cold

### **Unit 4. Measuring leather fastness**

Lesson 4.1. The concept of fastness. Characteristics of fastness tests

Lesson 4.2. Study of the main fastness tests.

### **Unit 5. Chemical analysis of leather**

Lesson 5.1. Introduction to the leather chemical analysis. RSL lists.

Lesson 5.2. Determination of main components: moisture, fats, leather substance, etc.

Lesson 5.3. Determination of pH.

Lesson 5.4. Determination of chromium and other inorganic substances. Chromium(VI).

Lesson 5.5. Determination of formaldehyde and other low concentration substances.

### **Unit 6. Quality requirements**

Lesson 6.1. Concept of Quality. Quality regulations and recommendations. Leather Working Group.

Lesson 6.2. Case study: The quality of the leather for footwear.

### **Unit 7. Analysis of chemical products and raw materials**

Lesson 7.1. Control of pickled and wet-blue leather.

- Lesson 7.2. Analysis of raw chemicals.
- Lesson 7.3. Analysis of vegetable tanning extracts
- Lesson 7.4. Analysis of fatty products / fatliquors
- Lesson 7.5. Analysis of other products.

## Unit 8. Practices by professor Ms. MD Borrás

### Methodology

The three main points of the Subject are:

1. Theory: Lectures where the professor exposes the definitions, materials and the working plan.
2. Practical exercises: Solving exercises and short laboratory tests. Optionally, a group project will be included, with an oral and written presentation.
3. Visit to the facilities of the *A3 Leather Innovation Centre*.
4. Laboratory practices: Carrying out laboratory practices, with a later written presentation.

In every unit, various exercises will have to be done individually and autonomously by the students, and handed in to the teacher to assess them.

In addition, the students have the responsibility to reinforce their knowledge in an autonomous approach, taking as a foundation the content given and/or recommended by the teacher.

### Development plan

Week	Methodology	Units	Attendance hours	Autonomous working hours
1	Lectures and exercise solving lessons. Practical activity.	Unit 1	2,5	4,75
2	No Lectures this week			4,75
3	Lectures and exercise solving lessons. Practical activity. Laboratory session.	Units 2 and 3	4	7,5
4	Lectures and exercise solving lessons. Practical activity. Laboratory session.	Unit 3	4	7,5
5	Lectures and exercise solving lessons. Practical activity. Laboratory session.	Unit 3	4	7,5
6	No Lectures this week			
7	Lectures and exercise solving lessons. Practical activity. Laboratory session.	Units 3 and 4	4	7,5
8	Lectures and exercise solving lessons. Practical activity. Laboratory session.	Unit 4	4	7,5

9	Mid-course Exam	Units 1 to 4	2	5
10	No Lectures this week			
11	Lectures and exercise solving lessons. Practical activity. Laboratory session.	Unit 5	4	7,5
12	Lectures and exercise solving lessons. Practical activity. Laboratory session.	Unit 5	4	7,5
13	Lectures and exercise solving lessons. Practical activity. Laboratory session.	Unit 5	4	7,5
14	Lectures and exercise solving lessons. Practical activity.	Units 6 and 7	4	4,75
15	Lectures and exercise solving lessons. Oral and written presentation of the Group Work.	Unit 7	4	4,75
16-17	Final Exam	Units 5 to 7	2	6
18	Tutoring			
19	Second-chance Exam			

## Evaluation

Exercises 25%

Laboratory practices 25%

Written Test 1 (Units 1-4) 20%

Written Test 2 (Units 5-7) 30%

Students have the right to take the second chance exam of the Written Test 2 in the 19th week.

In order to have the right to obtain the final grade, the laboratory practices must be carried out and the corresponding reports delivered on time.

## Bibliography

### Main bibliography

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