



Universitat de Lleida

DEGREE CURRICULUM

ST IN SPATIAL STATISTICS

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Subject's general information

Subject name	ST IN SPATIAL STATISTICS			
Code	111002			
Semester	ANUAL CONTINUED EVALUATION			
Typology	Degree	Course	Character	Modality
	Master's Degree Erasmus Mundus in Spatial and Ecological Modelling in European Forestry	2	OPTIONAL	Attendance-based
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Course number of credits (ECTS)	5			
Type of activity, credits, and groups	Activity type	PRAULA		TEORIA
	Number of credits	2		3
	Number of groups	1		1
Coordination	COMAS RODRIGUEZ, CARLOS			
Department	MATHEMATICS			
Important information on data processing	Consult this link for more information.			
Language	English			
Distribution of credits	Total: 5 Theoretical: 70% Practical: 30%			

Teaching staff	E-mail addresses	Credits taught by teacher	Office and hour of attention
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Learning objectives

The course will introduce the students to the main statistical techniques used to analyse and model spatially explicit forest data. The student will be able to analyse and model forest point patterns of trees (point processes) and continuous forest variables (geostatistics)

Competences

General Competences

- Capacity for mathematical modelling, calculation and simulation using real forest datasets.
- Capacity to apply the knowledge acquired for solving problems in new and unfamiliar situations within broader and more multidisciplinary contexts, and to be capable of integrating this knowledge.

Strategic Competences of UdL

- Command of a foreign language.

Cross-disciplinary Competences

- Capacity of planning and organizing the personal work.
- Capacity to convey information, ideas, problems and solutions to both a specialized and no specialized public.
- Capacity to conceive, design and implement projects and/or contribute to new solutions, using engineering tools.
- To be motivated for the quality and steady improvement.

Basic Competences

- Being able to integrate knowledge and handle the complexity to formulate judgments based on information that being incomplete or limited, include reflecting on social and ethical responsibilities linked to the application of their knowledge and judgments.
- Knowing how to communicate their conclusions -and the knowledge and rationale underpinning these, to specialist and non-specialist audiences clearly and unambiguously

Specific competences

- Capacity to model and analyse real forest datasets using statistical tools related to point processes and geostatistical analysis.
- Capacity for incorporating spatil forest statistics to manage real forest scenarios
- Capacity to use specific software tools to analyse and model such datasets.
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Gender perspective in teaching

Basic actions

- In the guide and teaching material and in the classroom, make sure that the language is inclusive and not sexist.

- In teaching materials, make sure that the images do not perpetuate gender stereotypes.
- In the teaching material, make sure that the examples and exercises counter gender stereotypes.
- In the teaching material, make sure that the context of the examples and the exercises cover various topics.
- As far as possible, include statements with social and / or gender relevance.

More advanced actions

- In projects, promote the study of some aspect of social and / or gender relevance.
- Explicitly emphasize the social and / or gender relevance in the activities (projects, cases, practices).
- Contextualize the statements of the exams in order to highlight the social and / or gender relevance of the subject.
- Incorporate the variables 'gender' and 'sex' in the analysis (statistical analysis, solution design, etc.).
- Incorporate in the Teaching Guide objectives related to social and / or gender relevance.

Subject contents

- 1) Introduction to spatial statistics and practical examples
- 2) Spatial point patterns in forest systems
- 3) Basic theory and model definition of spatial point processes
- 4) Introduction to geostatistical analysis in forest systems
- 5) R tools to analyse point patterns and geostatistical data
- 6) Practical case studies

Methodology

The course will include lectures, group discussions and seminars (some virtuals).

The course will be based on:

- Lectures and discussions based on the latest scientific literature and research programs
- Seminars and debates about spatial statistics and forest systems (modelling, management, etc.)
- Group work: practical exercises based on case studies

Development plan

Scheduling is by agreement with the students at the beginning of the course.

Evaluation

Grading will be based on (i) participation on lectures, seminars and debates, and class attendance (ii) completion of a final project (iii) public presentation of this project.

Specifically:

Block 1. Lectures participation, seminars and debates, class attendance (15% of the final mark)

Block 2. Completion of a final project (50% of the final mark)

Block 3. Public presentation of this project (35% of the final mark)

Bibliography

(additional literature will be supplied during the course)

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