



Universitat de Lleida

DEGREE CURRICULUM
**ST IN LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY
AND BIOLOGICAL
CONNECTIVITY**

Coordination: VEGA GARCÍA, CRISTINA

Academic year 2019-20

Subject's general information

Subject name	ST IN LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY AND BIOLOGICAL CONNECTIVITY			
Code	111008			
Semester	ANUAL CONTINUED EVALUATION			
Typology	Degree	Course	Character	Modality
	Master's Degree Erasmus Mundus in Spatial and Ecological Modelling in European Forestry	2	COMPULSORY	Attendance-based
Course number of credits (ECTS)	5			
Type of activity, credits, and groups	Activity type	PRACAMP	PRALAB	TEORIA
	Number of credits	1.5	1.5	2
	Number of groups	1	1	1
Coordination	VEGA GARCÍA, CRISTINA			
Department	AGRICULTURAL AND FOREST ENGINEERING			
Teaching load distribution between lectures and independent student work	1 ects is 10h work in the class/lab, and 15h personal work			
Language	English only			
Distribution of credits	30% Theory, 70% Practice			

Teaching staff

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

Students taking this course will develop their expertise in the application of spatial analysis techniques to characterize the structure of forest/land cover patches and their changes at the landscape level, informing landscape management for conservation goals.

Learning objectives

To analyze ecological and cultural landscape shaping factors in the Mediterranean Region.

Significant competences

To acquire hands-on experience in the diagnosis of landscape structure and landscape dynamics.

To be able to apply relevant quantitative tools that allow incorporating landscape ecological objectives in forest and protected area management and nature conservation.

Subject contents

1. Landscape definition. Spacing and Perception. Structure: patch, matrix, corridor. Classification principles. Models and theories in LE.
2. Processes: Disturbance. Fragmentation. Connectivity.
3. Heterogeneity and biological diversity. Space, time and function.
4. Landscape pattern. Quantitative methods in LE (metrics).
5. Scale of patterns and processes.
6. Landscape dynamics.
7. Landscape evaluation methods. Public participation.
8. Landscape management and conservation: quantitative tools for decision-making support.
9. Landscape design.

Methodology

The classes are organized by the students according to flipped learning strategies with materials provided by the instructors. Study cases are analysed, individually and jointly, for formative evaluation. Lab exercises are conducted, and field trips allow exploring Med landscapes.

Development plan

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

Evaluation

Grading is based on the resolution of individual study cases and collaborative work, presentations and other activities (seminars, labs, etc.).

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