



Universitat de Lleida

DEGREE CURRICULUM
**SPECIAL TOPICS IN EFFECTS
OF FIRE ON SOIL SCIENCES**

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Subject's general information

Subject name	SPECIAL TOPICS IN EFFECTS OF FIRE ON SOIL SCIENCES			
Code	11442			
Semester	1st Q(SEMESTER) CONTINUED EVALUATION			
Typology	Degree	Course	Character	Modality
	Erasmus Mundus Master's Programme in Mediterranean Forestry and Natural Resources Management (MEDFOR)	2	OPTIONAL	Attendance-based
Course number of credits (ECTS)	3			
Type of activity, credits, and groups	Activity type	PRACAMP	PRALAB	TEORIA
	Number of credits	1	1	1
	Number of groups	1	1	1
Coordination	OLARIETA ALBERDI, JOSE RAMON			
Department	ENVIRONMENT AND SOIL SCIENCES AND CHEMISTRY			
Teaching load distribution between lectures and independent student work	30 h lectures and field trips 45 h personal work			
Important information on data processing	Consult this link for more information.			
Language	English			

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

To understand soil processes and their relationship with plant development and forest management.

To understand the various possible impacts of forest fires on soils and their spatial and temporal variability

Competences

- Generate and interpret soil data
- Manage forest areas preserving or improving the quality of soils.
- Control degradation and efficiently use soil resources
- Evaluate hydrological, geomorphological and edaphic risks, and plan measures to reduce them and minimize their impacts

Subject contents

- Main soil characteristics and their influence on the distribution and growth of forest species and on water flows and availability for plants
- Effects of fires: soil surface processes (erosion and sedimentation); carbon and nutrient flows; changes in physical and biological properties
- Soil management after fire: land use and land-use conflicts; afforestation

Methodology

- Lectures and classroom practicals (18 h)
- Field trips (12 h)

Development plan

The course will take place in October-December 2021

Evaluation

- A group report on the field trips (details of the contents will be discussed) and an oral presentation of the report (40%)
- An essay summarising and discussing a paper that will be provided (30%)

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