ESCUELA TÉCNICA SUPERIOR DE INGENIERÍA



AGRONÓMICA Y DE MONTES **GRADO DE INGENIERÍA AGROALIMENTARIA Y DEL MEDIO** MAIZTS **RURAL** 2024/25 YEAR EDAFOLOGÍA

Course details

Course name: EDAFOLOGÍA Code: 100951 GRADO DE INGENIERÍA AGROALIMENTARIA Y DEL MEDIO **Degree/Master: Year:** 2 RURAL Field: BASES TECNOLÓGICAS DE LA PRODUCCIÓN VEGETAL **Character: OBLIGATORIA Duration:** FIRST TERM ECTS Credits: 4.5 **Classroom hours:** 45 Face-to-face classroom percentage: 40.0% Study hours: 68 Online platform: https://moodle.uco.es/

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Brief description of the contents

1.-To evaluate the composition, physical, chemical and biological properties of soil in terrestrial ecosystems

(especially agroforestry and agricultural systems).

2.-To study basic principles of soil classification and evaluation.

3.-To know the main principles of soil conservation, management and the way to maintain or improve soil health.

Prerequisites

Prerequisites established in the study plan None

Recommendations

Basic knowledge on Geology and Climatology

Study programme

1. Theory contents

I. Soil components.

1.- INTRODUCTION. History, Soil, profile, horizon. Soil functionality. Soil as the substrate where plants grow.

- 2.- Primary minerals and weathering.
- 3.- Secondary minerals.
- 4.- Soil organic matter.
- 5.- Soi organisms.
- II. Physical properties
- 6.- Soil texture.
- 7.- Structure and consistence.
- 8.- Color and temperature.
- 9.- Water in soil.
- 10.- Movement of water in soil.
- III. Chemistry
- 11.- Adsorption.
- 12.- pH and soil acidity.
- 13.- Salinity and sodicity.
- 14.- Soil oxidation-reduction.
- 15.- Soil fertility.

2. Practical contents

- Soil sampling
- Organic matter
- Soil texture
- Soil pH and EC
- Carbonates
- Available K
- Available P
- Soil Color
- Mineralogy (X-Ray Diffraction)

- Field visits (Campus de Rabanales and field trip-to evaluate different soil profiles in Córdoba province)

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Methodology

General clarifications on the methodology (optional)

None

Methodological adaptations for part-time students and students with disabilities and special educational needs

Lessons, practice sessions and field visits are an important part of the subject. Resolution of doubts person to person (scheduled by the student). Each case would be individually considered.

Face-to-face activities

Activity	Large group	Small group	Total	
Field trips	4	2	6	
Information processing activities	10	-	10	
Oral communication activities	-	2	2	
Practical experimentation activities	-	10	10	
Projects based on the course contents	15	-	15	
Written expression activities	2	-	2	
Total hours:	31	14	45	

Off-site activities

Activity	Total	
Exercise and problem solving activities	29	
Information processing activities	29	
Information search activities	10	
Total hours	68	

Results of the training and learning process

Knowledge, competencies and skills

- CB1 Understanding fundamental, scientific and technological aspects and developing the ability to learn continuously and adapt to new situations and changing environments.
- CB2 Demonstrating the ability to solve problems by being creative, using initiative, applying methodology and thinking critically
- CEC2 Demonstrating the ability to recognise, understand and use the principles of the foundations of vegetable production, and production, protection and exploitation systems
- CEC9 Demonstrating the ability to recognise, understand and use the principles of making decisions by using available work resources in multidisciplinary groups
- CEC10 Demonstrating the ability to recognise, understand and use the principles of technology transfer, understanding, interpreting, communicating and adopting advances in the field of agriculture

Intended learning outcomes	Examination	Group or individual globalizing projects	Means of practical execution	Oral means	Students assignments
CB1	Х	X	Х	Х	X
CB2	Х	х	Х	Х	X
CEC10	Х	х	Х	Х	X
CEC2	X	X	Х	Х	X
CEC9	Х	X	Х	Х	X
Total (100%)	60%	10%	10%	10%	10%
Minimum grade (*)	5	5	5	5	5

Assessment methods and instruments

(*)Minimum mark (out of 10) needed for the assessment tool to be weighted in the course final mark. In any case, final mark must be 5,0 or higher to pass the course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

General clarifications on instruments for evaluation:

Written Reports and oral presentation based on laboratory and field work. Project-based learning Notebooks (practical lessons)
Problems (chemistry and physical properties)
Powerpoint presentations
Videos and extra information (references, reports, scientific manuscripts)

Clarifications on the methodology for part-time students and students with disabilities and special educational needs:

Each case will be evaluated individually according to the university policies

Clarifications on the evaluation of the extraordinary call and extra-ordinary call for completion studies:

An oral exam is contemplated if needed (as different parts have to be passed separately)

Qualifying criteria for obtaining honors:

9 or more

Sustainable development goals

No poverty Zero hunger Good health and well-being Quality education Gender equality Clean water and sanitation Affordable and clean energy Decent work and economic growth Reduced inequalities Sustainable cities and communities Responsible consumption and production Climate action Life on land Peace, justice and strong institutions Partnerships for the goals

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The methodological strategies and the evaluation system contemplated in this Teaching Guide will respond to the principles of equality and non-discrimination and must be adapted according to the needs presented by students with disabilities and special educational needs in the cases that are required. Students must be informed of the risks and measures that affect them, especially those that may have serious or very serious consequences (article 6 of the Safety, Health and Welfare Policy; BOUCO 23-02-23).