

COURSE DESCRIPTION

COURSE DETAILS

Title (of the course): **GEOBOTÁNICA**

Code: 100432

Degree/Master: **GRADO DE BIOLOGÍA**

Year: 4

Field: OPTATIVA

Character: OPTATIVA

Duration: SECOND TERM

ECTS Credits: 6.0

Classroom hours: 60

Face-to-face classroom percentage: 40.0%

Study hours: 90

Online platform:

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PREREQUISITES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Prerequisites established in the study plan

The student must have approved the block of 60 credits corresponding to the basic subjects and at least 60 credits of compulsory subjects.

Recommendations

None specified

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INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

CE81n	Interpret different operational responses relating to particular environments.
CB4v5	Capable of critically analysing and synthesising, in line with the scientific method.
CB14v1	Ethical commitment to environmental and social issues.
CB16v1	Ability to organise and plan.
CB17v1	Knowledge of applied IT in Biology
CB18v4	Ability to put theory into practice.
CE13v4	Development of the skills to identify characteristics of mediterranean vegetation
CE13v5	Development of the skills to show, characterise and manage populations and plant communities.
CE82n	An understanding of Biology's fundamental concepts

OBJECTIVES

The main goal is to introduce the students in the knowledge of vegetation, presenting as fundamental parameters:
a) variations among different types of vegetation; b) causes of these variations; c) biogeographical prospect of these variations

CONTENT

1. Theory contents

Block 1. Introduction

1. Case study: studies on chorology, ecology, sociology and paleobotany of three forestry species in Central-Europe: *Fagus sylvatica*, *Quercus robur* and *Pinus sylvestris*. Definition and parts of the Geobotany.

Block 2. Phytogeography (Floristic Geobotany)

2. Geographic Ranges. Criteria to differentiate ranges. Cosmopolitan and Endemic geographic range. Origin and type of Endemism. Patterns of endemism.
3. Principles of discontinuity. Disjunction. Vicariance. Colonization density.
4. Evolution of the Geographical Range; diffusion. Biotic exchange and dispersion routes.
5. Floristic division of Biosphere. Geoelements or Floristic Elements. Criteria for delimitation of floristic units. Link taxa.
6. Holarctic Kingdom. Subkingdom Tetiano. Mediterranean Region. Biogeography in Spain.
7. Bioclimatology. Vegetation Regions. Vegetation Belts. Bioclimatic Belts.

Block 3. Geobotany and Phytosociology

8. Structure of the vegetation. Concepts. Criteria and Classification Systems. Structural Units and Structural Systems.
9. Floristic Units and Floristic Systems. I Methodology on Phytosociology. II Multivariate Methods.
10. Floristic Units and Floristic Systems. II Multivariate Methods. Ordination and Classification
11. Vegetation Dynamic. Daily and Seasonal Vegetation Dynamic, Phenology. Long Term Vegetation Dynamic, Succession. Succession types. Succession Units and Vegetation Series.
12. Climax definition. Actual, Potential and Primitive vegetation. Natural, Seminatural and Cultivated vegetation.
13. The concept of the plant community: a first approach; limiting environmental factors; the plant intrinsic properties. Plant community definition. The nature of the vegetation.

Block 4. Vegetation of the Iberian Peninsula.

14. Forests in the plant landscape of the Iberian Peninsula.
15. Changes in Forests by human actions.

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2. Practical contents

- 1) Hypothesis and experimental design in biogeographic and vegetation studies
- 2) Sampling methods:
 - a) Phytosociological inventories
 - b) Transects
 - c) Quadrants
- 3) Statistical analysis of vegetation data
- 4) Vegetation mapping
- 5) Visits and practical study of plant communities in the Mediterranean region

METHODOLOGY

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

Part-time students and / or students with special needs should contact the teachers of the subject in the first two weeks of class for planning the necessary adaptations in the teaching methodology

Face-to-face activities

Activity	Large group	Medium group	Total
<i>Assessment activities</i>	5	-	5
<i>Excursions</i>	-	21	21
<i>Lectures</i>	28	-	28
<i>Workshop</i>	-	6	6
Total hours:	33	27	60

Off-site activities

Activity	Total
<i>Group work</i>	30
<i>Self-study</i>	60
Total hours	90

WORK MATERIALS FOR STUDENTS

Dossier
Placement booklet

Clarifications

The dossier of documentation will include the presentations used in the theoretical teaching of the subject, as well as any documents or articles that are considered convenient for a better understanding or knowledge of the theoretical or practical contents. All this material, together with the practical notebook will be available in the virtual classroom (Moodle). The rest of the material will be facilitated by the teachers at all times for the proper

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performance of teaching. The field sampling material will also be available to students for their field working groups

EVALUATION

Intended learnig	Case study/clinical case discussion/scientific work discussion	Exams	Project
CB14v1			X
CB16v1			X
CB17v1			X
CB18v4	X		X
CB4v5	X		
CE13v4		X	X
CE13v5	X		X
CE81n		X	X
CE82n	X	X	
Total (100%)	10%	50%	40%
Minimum grade	0	5	5

(*)Minimum grade necessary to pass the course

¿Valora la asistencia?:

No

General clarifications on instruments for evaluation:

Minimum qualification to eliminate subject and period of validity of the partial qualifications: In theory, the subject will be eliminated with a note equal to or greater than 5 points. The notes of the theory parts will be valid until the third call of the same academic year. The practical note (project and case studies) will eliminate subjects with a note equal to or greater than 5 points, and will be valid for successive courses.

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

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Qualifying criteria for obtaining honors:

The same criteria in the regulations of the University of Cordoba will be used

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2. Further reading

None

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COORDINATION CRITERIA

Tasks deadlines

Visits organization

SCHEDULE

Period	Assessment activities	Excursions	Lectures	Workshop
1# Week	0,0	3,0	2,0	0,0
2# Week	0,0	3,0	2,0	0,0
3# Week	0,0	3,0	2,0	0,0
4# Week	0,0	3,0	2,0	0,0
5# Week	0,0	3,0	2,0	0,0
6# Week	0,0	3,0	2,0	0,0
7# Week	0,0	3,0	2,0	0,0
8# Week	0,0	0,0	2,0	3,0
9# Week	0,0	0,0	2,0	3,0
10# Week	0,0	0,0	2,0	0,0
11# Week	0,0	0,0	2,0	0,0
12# Week	0,0	0,0	2,0	0,0
13# Week	0,0	0,0	2,0	0,0
14# Week	5,0	0,0	2,0	0,0
Total hours:	5,0	21,0	28,0	6,0

The methodological strategies and the evaluation system contemplated in this Course Description will be adapted according to the needs presented by students with disabilities and special educational needs in the cases that are required.

CONTINGENCY PLAN: CASE SCENARIO A

Case scenario A will correspond to a diminished on-site academic activity due to social distancing measures affecting the permitted capacity of classrooms.

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METHODOLOGY

General clarifications on the methodology on case scenario A

A multimodal (hybrid) teaching system will be adopted, combining both on-site and remote classes via videoconference (synchronous) that will be held in the timetable approved by the corresponding Faculty or School. The time distribution of teaching activities (both on-site and remote) will be decided by the aforementioned Faculties and Schools bearing in mind the permitted capacity of classrooms and social distancing measures as established at that time.

The theoretical part will be carried out following the general clarifications on methodology presented for Contingency Plans (Scenario A)

The practical part will not undergo changes with respect to the classroom teaching scenario.

EVALUATION

Intended learnig	Case study/clinical case discussion/scientific work discussion	Exams	Project
CB14v1			X
CB16v1			X
CB17v1			X
CB18v4	X		X
CB4v5	X		
CE13v4		X	X
CE13v5	X		X
CE81n		X	X
CE82n	X	X	
Total (100%)	20%	40%	40%
Minimum grade	2	4	4

(*)Minimum grade necessary to pass the course

Attendance will be assessed (Scenario A)?:

No

General clarifications on instruments for evaluation (Scenario A):

Minimum qualification to eliminate subject and period of validity of the partial qualifications: In theory, the subject will be eliminated with a note equal to or greater than 4 points. The notes of the theory parts will be valid until the third call of the same academic year. The practical note (project and case studies) will eliminate subjects with a note equal to or greater than 4 points, and will be valid for successive courses. Exceptionally, this course theory

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and practical notes will be kept until the extraordinary call of the 2020-21 course.

The students who, having presented the continuous assessment activities (practice reports and team work) have suspended these activities or the complete subject, they may appear again in these activities in the final calls of the subject (1st and 2nd call).

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

Part-time students and / or students with special needs should contact the teachers of the subject in the first two weeks of class to agree on the necessary adaptations in the evaluation criteria

Qualifying criteria for obtaining honors (Scenario A):

The same criteria in the regulations of the University of Cordoba will be used

CONTINGENCY PLAN: CASE SCENARIO B

Case scenario B will bring about a suspension of all on-site academic activities as a consequence of health measures.

METHODOLOGY

General clarifications on the methodology on case scenario B

On-site teaching activities will be held via videoconference (synchronous) in the timetable approved by the corresponding Faculty or School. Alternative activities will be proposed for reduced groups in order to guarantee the acquisition of course competences.

The theoretical part will be carried out following the general clarifications on methodology presented for Contingency Plans (Scenario B)

In case of health situation that makes impossible the practical lessons in field, they will be replaced by new practices for handling and analyzing data on the computer. These practices would be carried out by videoconference and connected to the UCO servers using Citrix technology.

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Intended learning	Case study/clinical case discussion/scientific work discussion	Exams	Project
CB14v1			X
CB16v1			X
CB17v1			X
CB18v4	X		X
CB4v5	X		
CE13v4		X	X
CE13v5	X		X
CE81n		X	X
CE82n	X	X	
Total (100%)	20%	40%	40%
Minimum grade	2	4	4

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Moodle Tools	Exámenes	Proyecto	Supuesto práctico/discusión caso clínico/discusión trabajo científico
Cuestionario	X		
Participación			X
Rúbrica de evaluación		X	X
Tarea		X	X

Attendance will be assessed (Scenario B)?:

No

General clarifications on instruments for evaluation (Scenario B):

subject will be eliminated with a note equal to or greater than 4 points. The notes of the theory parts will be valid until the third call of the same academic year. The practical note (project and case studies) will eliminate subjects with a note equal to or greater than 4 points, and will be valid for successive courses. Exceptionally, this course theory and practical notes will be kept until the extraordinary call of the 2020-21 course.

Each computer practice will be accompanied by a delivery of the work done in the practice and some reflections of

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the student. These deliveries will serve as continuous assessment activities in the section (practical cases / scientific work discussion). In addition, they will be of help to carry out the project in teams (continuous evaluation activity)

The students who, having presented the continuous assessment activities (practice reports and team work) have suspended these activities or the complete subject, they may appear again in these activities in the final calls of the subject (1st and 2nd call).

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Qualifying criteria for obtaining honors (Scenario B):

The same criteria in the regulations of the University of Cordoba will be used