

Nanotechnology in Construction (250709)

General Information

School	ETSECCPB
Departments	Departament d'Enginyeria Civil i Ambiental (DECA)
Credits	5.0 ECTS
Programs	MÀSTER UNIVERSITARI EN ENGINYERIA ESTRUCTURAL I DE LA CONSTRUCCIÓ (pla 2015)
Course	2024/25

Main teaching language at each group

- Group 10ES2 Spanish (Q2)

Faculty

Responsible Faculty: Lucia Fernandez Carrasco
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Objectives of Education

Subject to identify the main nanotechnology applications in the construction sector

Identification capability nanotechnologies major application in the field of construction and use techniques of nanometric

Study techniques at the nanoscale level. Nanotechnology of Cement. Nanotechnology of Additives. Nanotechnology of mineral additions, mortars and concretes and asphalt Mixtures. Environmental applications. Economic impact of nanotechnology in the construction sector.

Technological advances lead us towards a continuous evolution of products. The application of nanotechnology to various construction products and materials is producing a continuous modification in the construction industry, new products and property modification. In the theme of this subject, we introduce ourselves in the analysis of products that are presented with nanometric scale dimensions and in how existing systems are modified. Our main focus now is to study how these features can contribute to building construction and addressing a sustainability aspect.

Competencies

Especific

To conceive and design civil and building structures that are safe, durable, functional and integrated into its surroundings.

Designing and building using traditional materials (reinforced concrete, prestressed concrete, structural steel, masonry, wood) and new materials (composites, stainless steel, aluminum, shape memory alloys?).

To evaluate, maintain, repair and strengthen existing structures, including the historic and artistic heritage. Mathematically modelling structural engineering problems.

To apply methods and advanced design software and structural calculations, based on knowledge and understanding of forces and their application to the structural types of civil engineering.

Generic

To conceive, design, analyze and manage structures or structural elements of civil engineering or building, encouraging innovation and the advance of knowledge.

To develop, improve and use conventional materials and new construction techniques to ensure the safety requirements, functionality, durability and sustainability.

Total hours of student work

		Hours	Percentage
Supervised Learning	Large group	25.5 h	56.67 %
	Medium group	9.75 h	21.67 %
	Laboratory classes	9.75 h	21.67 %
	Guided Activities	0.0 h	0.00 %
Self Study		80.0 h	

Contents

Introductory concepts

The evolution and technological advances have advanced towards the development of products with dimensions in nanometric scales. These products under construction are analysed. An introduction is made to the products to be built on a nanometric scale and their compatibility with current systems: employment methodologies. A series of practical cases will be studied to strengthen the theoretical sessions.

Nanomaterials

The different products that are currently used for the manufacture of mortars and concretes with nanomaterials will be reviewed. A constructive system model will be prepared and properties and applications will be analyzed. The use of nanotechnological products in protection against corrosion is a current trend. Systems will be analyzed, in these materials and others such as ceramics and glass. The use of nanomaterials in restoration and conservation is increasingly common: a series of real cases will be presented. Starch-based coatings, nanofiber mats, hydrogels, and polyetherimide nanocomposite foams are used to modify the fire resistance of materials. Different systems will be analyzed. At present, a large number of products are incorporated to provide differentiated functionalities. The different systems and applications will be analyzed.

Activities

Visit to Materials Center

Dedication

6h

Teaching Methodology

The course consists of 3 hours per week of classroom sessions in a classroom (large group).

They are dedicated to lectures 1.5 hours in a large group: the teachers exposed the basic concepts and materials of matter, presents examples and exercising.

The rest of weekly hours dedicated to tutorials and individual monitoring of the work commissioned.

Support material is used in the form of detailed teaching plan using the virtual campus ATENEA: content, programming and evaluation activities directed learning and literature.

Grading Rules

() The evaluation calendar and grading rules will be approved before the start of the course.*

Ordinary Assessment (EO) The continuous assessment grade is obtained from the weighted arithmetic mean of the exercises/problems (Pr) delivered during the course, of the activities directed as assignments or reports (Tr). The final grade will be: $EO=0.5(\text{Pr average}) + 0.5(\text{Tr average})$. To pass, the grade of the EO must be greater than or equal to 5.0. Re-evaluation (RE) The criteria for qualification and admission to the RE are as follows: students suspended in the ordinary assessment and who have appeared regularly in the assessment tests of the suspended subject will have the option to take an RE test in the period set in the academic calendar. Students who have already passed the EO will not be able to take the RE of a subject. The RE test will consist of a single exam covering all course content. The maximum mark for the reassessment will be five (5.0). The non-attendance of a student called to the re-evaluation test, held in the fixed period, cannot give rise to the completion of another test with a later date. Extraordinary assessments will be carried out for those students who, due to accredited force majeure, have not been able to take any of the continuous assessment tests. These tests must be authorized by the corresponding head of studies, at the request of the teacher responsible for the subject, and will be carried out within the corresponding teaching period.

Test Rules

Failure to perform a laboratory or continuous assessment activity in the scheduled period, this will result in a mark of zero in that activity.

Office Hours

Friday from 9-10am

Bibliography

Basic

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- T. Brockmann, P. Fontana, B. Meng, U. Mueller. Nanotechnology in construction engineering. *Beton-Und Stahlbetonbau.* 103, 2008.

Complementary

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- [Nanostructure and irreversible colloidal behavior of Ca\(OH\)₂: Implications in cultural heritage conservation.](#)

Resources

Research Papers