

Course Unit	Environmental Quality Laboratory I		Field of study	Environmental Protection Technologies	
Master in	Environmental Technology		School	School of Agriculture	
Academic Year	2023/2024	Year of study	1	Level	2-1
Type	Semestral	Semester	1	ECTS credits	6.0
Workload (hours)		162	Code		
Contact hours		T -	TP -	PL -	TC -
		S -	E -	OT -	O -

T - Lectures; TP - Lectures and problem-solving; PL - Problem-solving, project or laboratory; TC - Fieldwork; S - Seminar; E - Placement; OT - Tutorial; O - Other

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Learning outcomes and competences

At the end of the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:

1. Know the various types of water and current legislation
2. Know the methods of sampling and preservation of samples for physico-chemical and microbiological analysis.
3. know the main physical-chemical, microbiological and biological parameters to the water characterization and their determination

Prerequisites

Before the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:
Have basic knowledge of chemistry and microbiology

Course contents

Physical-chemical analysis of water; Microbiological analysis of water; Biomonitoring of water quality. Legislation

Course contents (extended version)

1. Part A
 - Basic Concepts: Solution concentrations; Unities
 - Solutions: Preparation. Standardization
 - Sampling: Sampling points; Sampling techniques; Sampling frequency and Samples preservation
 - Analysis: Physical-Chemical parameters
2. Part B
 - Assessment of the status of surface water bodies based on the Water Framework Directive.
 - Biological hazards in water; Reference pathogens and emerging microorganisms in water environment.
 - Microbial monitoring: Sampling. Indicator organisms. Methods of detection of indicator organisms.
 - Bacteriological analysis: Count of heterotrophic, coliforms, E. coli, . . .
 - Virological analysis: Methods for the detection of Enteroviruses and bacteriophages in water samples
 - Protozoa: Characteristics; Cryptosporidium/Giardia detection methods in water samples
 - Legislation applied for different types of water

Recommended reading

1. Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater; 16ª edition; APHA, AWWA, WPCF; Washington, 2005
2. WHO (2017). Guidelines for drinking-water quality: fourth edition incorporating the first addendum ISBN 978-92-4-154995-0
3. Normas ISO (6222; 9308-1; 9308-2; 6461/2; ; 7899-2; 17043)
4. Vogel, Jeffery, Basset, Mendham, Denney - Análise Química Quantitativa, 4ª e 5ª edições, Editora Guanabara Koogan S. A. , Rio de Janeiro,
5. Guidelines for drinking-water quality: 4th edition incorporating the 1st addendum. World Health Organization, 2017

Teaching and learning methods

Explanation of the theoretical subjects in theoretical and/or practical/ theoretical lectures, and their application in proposed laboratory work and carried out by students. Bibliographic check.

Assessment methods

1. Assessment 1 - (Regular) (Final)
 - Intermediate Written Test - 35% (Part A - Assessment of theoretical and practical contents.)
 - Laboratory Work - 15% (Part A - Evaluation of laboratory work reports.)
 - Intermediate Written Test - 35% (Part B - Assessment of theoretical and practical contents.)
 - Laboratory Work - 15% (Part B - Evaluation of laboratory work reports.)
2. Assessment 2 - (Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
 - Final Written Exam - 100% (Part A + Part B - Assessment of theoretical and practical contents.)

Language of instruction

Portuguese

Electronic validation

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