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2026/2027

Course Guide:
FINAL DEGREE PROJECT
(DEGREE IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING)



FACULTY OF
CHEMICAL SCIENCES

1. IDENTIFICATION

Degree Programme	Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering.			Course Code	801567
Course Name	Final Degree Project			ECTS	15
Subject Area	Final Degree Project				
Module	Final Degree Project				
Course Type	Compulsory	Year	Fourth Year	Semester	Annual
Department	Chemical and Materials Engineering				

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2. OBJECTIVES

General objective

The Final Degree Project (FDP) is a design project for one or more units of an industrial plant. It is carried out individually by each student under the supervision of no more than two academic tutors, and its purpose is to demonstrate that the student has acquired the competences associated with the degree.

3. PREREQUISITES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Prerequisites

The FDP shall be registered as a course unit within the Degree curriculum. In general, to register for the TFG, students must have applied for registration in the TFG and have passed the Basic Module and 120 compulsory ECTS credits of the Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering.

Recommendations

Students are advised to have passed all first-, second- and third-year courses of the Degree before defending the FDP.

4. CONTENTS

Brief description

In the FDP, students will apply the knowledge acquired throughout their degree studies to the design of one or more units of a plant corresponding to a process carried out at industrial or pilot-plant scale.

This work will take the form of a written report, accompanied by any material deemed appropriate, and its public defence before an Assessment Panel.

5. COMPETENCES

General competences

CG1	Use concepts from basic and technological subjects that enable autonomous learning of new methods and theories and the ability to address new situations.
CG2	Draft and develop projects in the field of chemical engineering.
CG3	Execute and direct the activities covered by projects in the field of chemical engineering.
CG4	Solve problems in the field of chemical engineering with initiative, decision-making ability, and critical reasoning.
CG5	Perform calculations, measurements, valuations, expert assessments, studies, and reports in the relevant field of knowledge.
CG6	Use standards and regulations related to the relevant field of knowledge.
CG7	Analyse and assess the social and environmental impact of the technical solutions identified for a given problem.

Specific competences (depending on the work to be carried out)

CE1	Solve mathematical problems that may arise in engineering. Apply knowledge of linear algebra, geometry, differential geometry, differential and integral calculus, ordinary and partial differential equations, numerical methods, numerical algorithms, statistics and optimisation.
CE3	Use computer programs and operating systems. Use databases and software applications. Use databases and computer applications
CE4	Apply basic concepts of chemistry to engineering.
CE5	Apply techniques of representation, spatial conception, standardisation, computer-aided design and fundamentals of industrial design.
CE7	Apply concepts of applied thermodynamics and heat transfer.
CE8	Use the basic principles of fluid mechanics.
CE9	Apply the fundamentals of materials science.
CE10	Apply the principles of circuit theory and electrical machines.
CE11	Apply the fundamentals of electronics.
CE12	Use the fundamentals of automation systems and control methods.
CE13	Use the principles of machines and mechanisms.
CE14	Apply the principles of strength of materials.
CE16	Apply environmental technologies and sustainability.
CE19	Solve material and energy balances.
CE20	Apply concepts of biotechnology, mass transfer, separation operations, and chemical reaction engineering. Design reactors and evaluate the transformation of raw materials and energy resources.
CE21	Analyse, design, simulate and optimise processes and products.
CE22	Design and manage applied experimentation procedures, especially for the determination of thermodynamic and transport properties and for the modeling of phenomena and systems in the field of chemical engineering, systems involving fluid flow, heat transfer, mass-transfer operations, chemical reaction kinetics, and reactors.
CE23	Design, manage, simulate, and control chemical-process instrumentation.
CE24	Apply chemical and biochemical knowledge of analysis and synthesis to Chemical Engineering.
CE25	Interpret data from laboratory observations and measurements in terms of their significance and the theories that support them.

Cross-cutting competences

CT1	Demonstrate capacity for analysis and synthesis.
CT2	Demonstrate problem-solving ability.
CT3	Demonstrate organisational and planning ability.
CT4	Communicate in Spanish using standard audiovisual media.
CT5	Properly manage the available information (bibliography, specialised databases and resources accessible through the Internet).
CT6	Use computer tools and programs.
CT8	Demonstrate capacity for critical and self-critical reasoning.
CT9	Demonstrate a professional ethical commitment.
CT10	Integrate acquired knowledge and apply it to solving real problems.
CT11	Learn autonomously.
CT13	Adapt to new situations and demonstrate initiative and creativity.
CT14	Communicate in English using standard audiovisual media.

6. WORKLOAD DISTRIBUTION BY ACTIVITY.

Activity	In-class (hours)	Self-study (hours)	Credits
Design project work	0	355	14,2
Tutorials	8	2	0,4
Preparation and presentation for the public defence	2	8	0,4
Total	10	365	15

7. METHODOLOGY

The FDP will be carried out individually by each student under the supervision of one or two academic tutors, whose role is to guide and supervise the student's work, provide suggestions and help the student overcome any obstacles and difficulties. The student remains solely responsible for successfully completing the course unit.

The student will carry out the design tasks required to achieve the objectives of the project. This work will materialise in a written report, accompanied by any material deemed appropriate, and in its oral presentation and public defence before an Assessment Panel. The report will include:

- Introduction and objectives
- Feasibility study
- Technical report
- Environmental impact assessment
- Safety
- Budget
- Bibliography

In all cases, a summary in English of each part of the TFG must be included, with a maximum length of 3-4 pages. The maximum length of the report is 100 pages, including appendices and drawings.

The student must meet with their academic tutor at least three times during the academic year to agree on the different TFG submissions. The final submission of the report to the tutor must be made at least one week before submission to the Assessment Panel. The tutor will approve the work if it meets the formal aspects and the minimum requirements specified in the regulations for its presentation. The student must sign the Declaration of Responsibility on Authorship and Ethical Use of AI Tools, available on the website of the Faculty of Chemical Sciences.

The UCM and Faculty regulations for this course unit, including its organisation and teaching planning, are published on the website of the Faculty of Chemical Sciences: <https://quimicas.ucm.es/tfg>.

The aforementioned regulations for this course unit are also published on the website of the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering, together with the general rules on the writing and presentation format of the report, the functions of the tutor, authorship and all the documentation required for assessment: <https://www.ucm.es/diqm/trabajo-fin-de-grado>.

8. BIBLIOGRAPHY

To be specified according to the assigned Final Degree Project topic.

9. EVALUATION

The FDP will be assessed and graded like any other course unit, with both numerical and qualitative grading.

The final grade awarded by the Assessment Panel will be determined by taking into account the academic tutor's report, the written report, the oral presentation and the knowledge demonstrated by the student:

- Tutor's report: 30% of the final grade.
- Written report: 35%.
- Oral presentation, defence of the FDP and knowledge demonstrated by the student: 35%.

The grade will be based on an absolute score out of 10 points and in accordance with the scale established in RD 1125/2003.

For further information on the different aspects of assessment, students may consult the websites of the Faculty of Chemical Sciences and of the Chemical Engineering Teaching Unit of the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering.

Before the oral presentation and defence of the FDP, the student must send the Chair and members of the Assessment Panel, by email and within the established deadline, the FDP report in PDF format. The FDP report must include the contents specified in the Course Guide for the course unit. Students who have not submitted the FDP report by the date determined will be recorded as Not Presented.

The student must publicly present a summary of the FDP before the Assessment Panel within a maximum time of 10 minutes. Part of the presentation will be delivered in English. This presentation will be followed by a maximum of 10 minutes of questions and discussion by the Panel.