# uc3m Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

## Metals technology and recycling

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Department assigned to the subject: Materials Science and Engineering and Chemical Engineering Department

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Type: Electives ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: 4 Semester: 1

### REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Chemical Basis of Engineering

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The student to complete the course, you must know the physical-chemical fundamentals and basic operations of extractive metallurgy from both natural products and the recycling of scrap metal processing. Should be able to propose a process for obtaining metals and be able to assess their feasibility.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME**

UNIT 1. INTRODUCTION TO THE EXTRACTION METALLURGY

Pyrometallurgical and hydrometallurgical. Extraction and processing of natural ores

**UNIT 2: PIROMETALLURGICAL REACTIONS** 

Physical conditions of the reactions. Reaction rate. Effect of temperature. Impure materials. Ellingham and Richardson diagrams. Reduction processes.

**UNIT 3: PYRIMETALLURGY** 

Reduction of oxides: lead metallurgy. Roasting of sulphide ores: copper metallurgy. Fused salt electrolysis: aluminum metallurgy.

**UNIT 4: STEEL** 

Steelmaking. Blast furnace. Electric furnace. Steel refining.

**UNIT 5: HYDROMETALLURGY REACTIONS** 

Solubility product. Redox reactions. Electrolysis, Pourbaix diagrams. Diffusion in the liquid state.

**UNIT 6: HYDROMETALLURGY** 

Lixiviation. Concentration. Purification. Precipitation. Processes examples.

**UNIT 7: METAL RECYCLING** 

Extraction of metals from industrial and urban waste. Recycled steel. Recycling of lead, aluminum, copper and zinc.

Highly polluting metalsDeveloping recycling processes.

**UNIT 8: NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT** 

Waste Management of low and high activity. Recycling processes.

#### LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Problems are analyzed for obtaining metals and alloys in different media and subsequent individual presentation and analysis results. Troubleshooting on the thermodynamics and electrochemical reactions of metal and metallurgical process design.

## ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Evaluation and development of practical problems (40%) and final exam (60%) which were valued knowledge and skills acquired by the student

% end-of-term-examination: 60

% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):

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