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Environmental Impact Assessment

Academic Year: (2023 / 2024) Review date: 02-06-2022

Department assigned to the subject: Economics Department Coordinating teacher: MORA VILLARRUBIA, RICARDO

Type: Electives ECTS Credits: 3.0

Year: 2 Semester: 1

OBJECTIVES

- Knowledge of the values of biodiversity, justice and environmental sustainability, and the ability to apply the principles of prevention and precaution in the context
- of theorical principles in the evaluation of environmental impact assessment.
- Understanding of the interactions between the administrative design, planning and documentation steps in the environmental impact assessment process.
- Ability to understand and apply the methods based on the identification and assessment of alternatives, weighing of factors, the identification of potential impacts and evaluation of impacts.
- Comprehension of the GIS (geographical information systems) potential and acquisition of collaborative methods techniques in the EIA.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

- -Case study of environmental impact evaluation, valuation of environmental elements and prediction of potential impacts.
- -Analysis of potential impact of the case under study on air, soil, noise, biological and sociological environment.
- -Applications of cause-effect matrices and georeferentiation methods in the process of identification of environmental impacts
- -Elaboration of documents of targeting, scope, design, planning, monitoring, auditing.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

- Theorical classes
- Theoretical-practical classes
- Tutorships
- Team work
- Individual assignments
- Midterm and final exams.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- Class participation
- Individual or group presentations
- Individual or group work done during the course
- Discussions
- Final exam/assignment

% end-of-term-examination: 40
% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 60

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Glasson et al. Introduction to Environmental Impact Assessment, Routledge, 2012
- Lawerence, David Environmental Impact Assessment. Practical Solutions to Recurrent Problems, Wiley, 2003

ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Beattie, R. Everything you already know about EIA, but don¿t often admit, Environmental Impact Assessment Review 15, 1995
- Calow, P. (ed) Handbook of environmental risk assessment and management, Blackwell Science, 1997
- Canter, L. and Ross, W. State of practice of cumulative effects assessment and management: the good, the bad and the ugly, Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal 28 (4), 261¿8, 2010
- Cooper, L.M. and Sheate W. ¿Cumulative effects assessment: A review of UK environmental impact statements¿, Environmental Impact Assessment Review 22. 415¿439, 2002
- Morgan, Richard K. ¿Environmental impact assessment: the state of the art¿ Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal, Vol. 30, No. 1, March 2012, 5¿14.