

# Separation Processes IIB

**Calendar:** 5th semester

**Contact Hours:** T: 30,0; TP: 22,5; OT: 7,5

## **Intended learning outcomes of the curricular unit:**

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After the approval of this course, students should be able to: 1) Identify and apply advanced separation processes such as distillation optimized, supercritical extraction, membrane separation, adsorption, exchange and ion chromatography. 2) Know to scale up equipment for separation processes studied to simpler and complex mixtures. 3) Analyze and study the operation of this equipment.

## **Syllabus:**

1. Membrane Processes: Pressure processes. Transport models. Concentration polarization. Modes of operation. "Fouling" of membranes. Selection and Sizing. Summary of sequences of operations. Dialysis and Electrodialysis (ED). Stacking membranes. Sizing and design. Pervaporation. Transport equations. Sizing equipment. Gas permeation. Liquid membrane 2. Sorption processes: adsorption and ion exchange chromatography. Kinetics and equilibrium. Equilibrium. Fixed beds. Linear theories of sorption and chromatography of the solute movement theory: application to adsorption and chromatography. Dispersal mechanisms in columns 3. Ion exchange: Advantages and disadvantages, types of resins; Factors affecting the efficiency. Ion exchange equilibrium. Capacity of the resin. Operating conditions 4. Process chromatography: adsorption, ion exchange, molecular exclusion, affinity, reverse phase, covalent, hydrophobic interaction chromatography. Large-scale chromatographic processes.

## **Demonstration of the syllabus coherence with the curricular unit's intended learning outcomes.**

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## **Teaching methodologies (including evaluation):**

Theoretical material will be presented to promote the involvement and participation of all students by developing their reasoning skills and stimulating their critical thinking. Materials about the subjects lectured will be available for consultations on Moodle. Online mini-tests will be weekly proposed to evaluate the subjects taught in the previous week. At any time students can contact the teacher using the Moodle platform.

The assessment consists of 20% for the practical component (Minitest) and 80% of the theoretical component (final exam).

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