# **TEACHING MODULES INFORMATION EMJMD WACOMA (academic year 2018/19)**

| 1.  | Module Title:  |
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|     | Literature review  |
| 2.  | Module Code:   |
|     | (not necessary yet)  |
| 3.  | Maximum Number of Students: 24   |
|     |  |
| 4.  | Total ECTS Credits:  |
|     | 2 ECTS   |
| 5.  | Month:   |
|     | Second Year  |
| 6.  | Notional Learning Hours (Please fill a number in box):   |
|     | (a) Contact Time - e.g in the classroom, or fieldwork (b) Private Study - reading time, preparing and taking assessments |
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|     | Format of Teaching:  |
|     | Lectures 4 Hours (a)   |
|     | Other (computer workshops) 4 Hours (a)   |
|     | Other (workshops)  4 Hours (a)   |
|     | Other (Private study)36 Hours (b)  |
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|     | Teaching Strategy:   |
|     | Theory and practice will be interconnected through "learning-by-doing". The  |
|     | theoretical lectures will set the basis for a comprehensive reading and summarizing                                      |
|     | of scientific documents, which will be put into practice during the computer   |
|     | workshops and workshops.   |
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| /•  | Convener:  |
| 0   | Irene Laiz / José Antonio López López  |
| 8.  | Institution:   |
|     | University of Cadiz  |
| 9.  | Level (Please tick Y):   |
|     | Master degree  |
| 10. | Language(s) of Tuition:  |
|     | English  |
| 11. | Pre-requisites:  |
|     | It is advisable, but not mandatory, that students know how to search scientific  |
|     | documents.   |
| 12. | Co-requisites:   |
|     | None   |
| 13. | Programme(s) for which module is core:   |
|     | Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in Water and Coastal Management   |
|     | (WACOMA)   |

# 14. Module Description - The Purpose or Aims:

The main objectives of this module are as follows:

- Learn how to read scientific literature (research papers and /or technical documents) in a comprehensive way and how to identify the central ideas.
- Learn how to extract relevant information from a scientific text
- Learn how to summarize the contents of a scientific document for (a) the scientific community and (b) the general public.

# 15. **Learning Outcomes:**

After completing this module, students should be able to:

- Understand a scientific document, decide whether it is relevant to their work, and discern whether it is accurate and of high quality.
- Extract the most relevant information from it.
- Broadcast the contents of a scientific document to (a) the scientific community and (b) the general public, in a clear and understandable way.

## **16.** Summary of Course Content:

- 1. How to screen a scientific document.
- 2. Understanding the document's approach.
- 3. First reading.
- 4. Thorough reading: understanding the full story.
- 5. Summarizing the key contents: (a) for a scientific public, and (b) for the general public.

# 17. Key Skills Taught:

Scientific reading and writing.

# 18. Assessment Methods:

The final grade will be based upon the following evaluation components:

- 1. Class attendance
- 2. Students will be given a scientific document (research article and/or technical report) to read and summarize for (a) the scientific community and (b) the general public, in a clear and understandable way.
- 3. Oral presentation of the written work prepared in point 2 above.

#### 19. Assessment Criteria:

A successful candidate should have or be able to do the following:

#### **Threshold**

A basic understanding of the appropriate science and modelling approach and a reasonable understanding of the model results and their implications.

#### Good

A good understanding of the science and correct model results which are presented and interpreted to a good standard, with some reference to independent literature data and results.

#### Excellent

A good to excellent understanding of the science and correct model results which are presented and interpreted to a high standard, with plenty of references used for comparisons and to critically evaluate the results.

# 20. Resource Implications of Proposal and Proposed Solutions:

(Recommended Bibliography: compulsory, optional, other sources of information)

https://www.fecyt.es/es/recurso/web-science

https://www.fecyt.es/es/recurso/scopus

https://www.sciencedirect.com/

http://www.d.umn.edu/~jpierce/documents/Reading.htm

## **Specific Resource Implications for Students**:

Computers with internet access should be available at all classes. Students can use their own laptops. Students need access to Science Direct, Web of Science and/or Scopus.

# Does this module replace existing provision? If so, please indicate modules to be replaced:

The module fits in the area of "transferable soft skills"

# 22. Start Date:

Second year

# 23. Is it intended that the module be available every year?

Yes