

#### UNIVERSITY OF THESSALY

# School of Technology – Department of Environmental Sciences Undergraduate Programme in Environmental Sciences



### **COURSE OUTLINE**

# (1) GENERAL

SCHOOL	School of Technology			
ACADEMIC UNIT	Department of Environmental Sciences			
LEVEL OF STUDIES	Undergraduate			
COURSE CODE	AE706		SEMESTER	7th
COURSE TITLE	MODERN METHODS for MONITORING ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION			
INDEPENDENT TEACHING ACTIV	NDENT TEACHING ACTIVITIES		LY TEACHING HOURS	CREDITS
Teaching Hours		4		4
COURSE TYPE	Skills development			
PREREQUISITE COURSES	None			
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION and	Crook			
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION and EXAMINATIONS	Greek			
EXAMINATIONS	Greek No			

# (2) LEARNING OUTCOMES

#### **Learning outcomes**

The course focuses on the presentation of new contemporary technologies for the analysis of environmental samples to detect the presence of pollutants, their quantification and their identification in complex samples. Fundamentals of analytical and biological methods will be presented along with their applications in the analysis of water, soil and air samples.

Upon successful completion of the course, students will have acquired the necessary knowledge, skills and competence, and will be able to:

- Describe the use of contemporary methodologies for the analysis of environmental pollutants.
- Choose the appropriate methods for the analysis of environmental samples.
- Describe the new fast-track technologies for the detection of contaminants in environmental samples.
- Describe and utilise medium and large-scale environmental pollution monitoring systems.

## **General Competences**

- Search for, analysis and synthesis of data and information, with the use of the necessary technology
- Decision-making
- Working independently
- Team work
- Working in an interdisciplinary environment
- Production of new research ideas
- Respect for the natural environment
- Criticism and self-criticism
- Production of free, creative and inductive thinking

## (3) SYLLABUS

- Review of the main pollutants in air, water and soil.
- Environmental legislation Maximum levels of pollutants in environmental samples, limit values.
- Modern versatile non-target analysis methods with chromatographic tools (LC-MS/MS, LC-LTQ-Orbitrap, LC-TOF-MS, GC-MS/MS) for the analysis of environmental samples.
- Applications of modern analytical tools for the detection of organic pollutants in environmental samples.
- Lab-on-a-chip: Applications for the detection of environmental pollutants.
- Biosensors: Types and basic operating principles, applications in environmental samples.
- Atmospheric pollution monitoring equipment and methods.

• Utilization of satellite remote sensing techniques and methods, as well as Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs - Drones) systems to monitor environmental pollution.

# (4) TEACHING and LEARNING METHODS – EVALUATION

DELIVERY	Face-to-face			
USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY	<ul> <li>Use of PowerPoint slides</li> <li>View material in video</li> <li>Websites visits and exploitation of their content</li> <li>Communication with students via e-mail</li> <li>Use of asynchronous distance learning (e-class)</li> </ul>			
TEACHING METHODS	Activity	Semester workload		
	Lectures	26		
	Laboratory practice	26		
	Study and analysis of bibliography	33		
	Essay writing	15		
	Course total	100		
STUDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION	Students' performance is evaluated in the Greek language. The final grade is determined by:  • A written exam (at the end of the semester) that contributes 70% to the final grade, applying one or more of the following evaluation methods: Multiple choice questions, short-answer questions, problem solving.  • Elaboration and delivery of a written assignment (during the semester) that contributes 30% to the final grade.  Final Grade = 70% Exam Grade + 30% Assignment Grade			

# (5) ATTACHED BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- Malliaros, C. H. (2000) *Environment, Pollution, Anti-pollution Techniques,* (1st ed). Athens: METAICHMIO Publications S.A. (in Greek)
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