

ENV-409

**Air pollution**

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Civil & Environmental Engineering		Opt.
Energy Science and Technology	MA2, MA4	Opt.
Energy minor	E	Opt.
Environmental Sciences and Engineering	MA2, MA4	Opt.
Minor in Engineering for sustainability	E	Opt.
Minor in Integrated Design, Architecture and Sustainability	E	Opt.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	5
Session	Summer
Semester	Spring
Exam	Written
Workload	150h
Weeks	14
<b>Hours</b>	<b>3 weekly</b>
Lecture	2 weekly
Exercises	1 weekly
<b>Number of positions</b>	

**Summary**

A survey course describing the origins of air pollution and climate change

**Content**

- Atmospheric pollutants and their effects on the environment
- Emissions related to air pollution and climate change
- Measurements of air pollutants and meteorological conditions
- Air quality models
- Environmental regulations and abatement strategies related to air pollution and climate change

**Keywords**

Atmospheric chemistry, air quality, climate change, air pollution, meteorology, aerosols

**Learning Prerequisites****Recommended courses**

Physics and Chemistry of the Atmosphere (ENV-320)

**Important concepts to start the course**

- Differential, integral, and vector calculus
- Linear algebra
- Chemistry (reaction rates, chemical thermodynamics)
- Basic programming concepts

**Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the course, the student must be able to:

- Identify compounds recognized as pollutants and regulated in various countries
- Categorize emission or production sources and removal mechanisms of various pollutants.
- Compare methods and practical issues concerning measurement of gas, particles, and meteorological variables.
- Describe challenges in modeling atmospheric phenomena.

- Explain the dependence of air quality on emissions, meteorology, and atmospheric chemistry.
- Assess / Evaluate the impacts of human activity on air pollution.
- Describe potential mitigation strategies as possible solutions to air pollution problems.
- Interpret atmospheric observations

### Transversal skills

- Access and evaluate appropriate sources of information.
- Plan and carry out activities in a way which makes optimal use of available time and other resources.
- Assess one's own level of skill acquisition, and plan their on-going learning goals.

### Teaching methods

Lectures and assignments (quantitative and programming)

### Expected student activities

Lecture attendance, assignments

### Assessment methods

40% assignments, 60% final exam

### Resources

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#### **Références suggérées par la bibliothèque**

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#### **Moodle Link**

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