



UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DO RIO GRANDE DO SUL
PROGRAMA DE PÓS-GRADUAÇÃO EM ENGENHARIA CIVIL:
CONSTRUÇÃO E INFRAESTRUTURA

Code:	PCI0023
Title:	Introduction to Life Cycle Assessment application to the construction sector
Credits/number of hours:	3 (45 hours)
Level:	(x) Master (x) Doctorate

Summary:

General concepts of environmental impact and their relationship with civil construction. Tools for calculating buildings environmental impacts. Life cycle assessment (LCA) and its applications to civil construction. Case studies development.

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Objectives:

This course aims to introduce the Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) technique and its application in the environmental impact assessment of civil construction, with special emphasis on construction materials, residues application in civil construction, and buildings life cycle impacts.

Activities:

Lectures, with the adoption of innovative pedagogical practices, as well as reading articles, debates and exposition of concepts. Application to a case study with a focus on content practical experimentation.

Evaluation:

The evaluation consists of three parts: project development (70%), individual activities (20%) and participation in class (10%).

The final grades will be assigned based on the following criteria related to the student's final average:

Grade C – 6,0 a 7,4

Grade B – 7,5 a 8,9

Grade A – 9,0 a 10

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