

CALENDAR 2026-2027

The course begins on **6 October at 15.30 in the Sala de Junes on the 2nd floor of the Rectorat of the Universitat de Lleida**, with the opening lecture and general presentation of the Master's programme. The programme will be as follows:

15.30: Presentation of the Master's programme

16.30: Opening of the exhibition "Històries i Camins"

17.00 Presentation of issue 2 of the journal Sendèria

17.45 Talk on the historic paths of the Lleida plain

18.30 Dramatised reading of one of the exhibition texts.

From **7 October**, the two compulsory in-person subjects (A) will run on every working day **from 15.30 to 19.30**, following the programme detailed in this document. In addition, two or three full-day mountain field trips are planned: one for the first subject and one or two to coincide with International Mountain Day (around 11 December).

On 22 October there will be a presentation session on the second-semester electives, the Master's Final Project and work placements.

Unless otherwise indicated, all sessions will be held in the **Rectorat building of the Universitat de Lleida, room 2.37**.

IMPORTANT: to contact teaching staff, do not use the generic address xxxxx@convidat.udl.cat. Use the address provided in class or the official email address of each institution, for example xxxx@ub.edu, xxxxx@convidat.udl.cat or xxxxx@ub.edu

Univ.	Lecturers	Date	
			(A) In-person subjects and workshops
			IN-PERSON SUBJECTS
	Montse Salvà	October 6 a November 6	Environment, economy and society in mountain areas *
	Ignasi Aldomà	November 17 a desembre 18	Planning and management tools for mountain areas *
			IN-PERSON WORKSHOPS
	Federica Ravera i Toni Domènech	November 9 a 13	Analysis, description and diagnosis in medium/dry mountain areas (compulsory workshop). Analysis and diagnosis of the socioeconomic situation. Preparation of a strategic assessment (teamwork). Fieldwork: Catalan area to be defined. The field trip dates will be confirmed within the week of 10 to 14 November. A preliminary online presentation session will be arranged.
	Albert Pèlachs, Montse Salvà, Joan Ganau	December 21 a 23 January 7 a 22	Planning and management in high mountain areas (compulsory workshop). Foundations of a spatial-planning, economic-development or business project (group work). Fieldwork: stay in the Alt Pirineu from 11 to 15 January. There will be in-person sessions in Lleida in the weeks before and after the stay.

	Isabel Paulino i Daniel Paül	March 30 a April 2	Mediterranean mountain and tourism workshop (elective workshop). Agents and experiences in local tourism development. Analysis of tourism potential and strategy design. Fieldwork: the els Ports area. Field stay, provisionally, from 30 March to 2 April.
UB	Lothar Schulte	June 2 al 6	Natural risks in alpine areas (elective subject).*** Fieldwork. Analysis of the effects of climate change on natural risks and their mitigation. Fieldwork: stay in the Swiss Alps (Interlaken). Field stay from 2 to 6 June.
			(B) Online elective subjects (students choose 6 of the proposed elective subjects)
UAB	Antonia Caselles	January 25 a març 19	Local and territorial development. Key concepts and historical evolution. Policies and social actors. The sectors driving development.
UdG	Marianna Soler Lino Montoro	January 25 a març 19	Energy management. Efficiency and diversification of energy sources. Basic technical aspects. Energy generation and use in global change.
URV	Marina Martín	January 25 a març 19	Alternative mobility in mountain areas. Infrastructure. Planning and management of path networks. Itinerary design.
UB	Marc Vila	January 25 a març 19	Mountain cartography. Introduction to cartography and GIS. Topographic cartography and cartography of human settlements. Cadastral cartography. Cartography of the natural environment and natural resources.
UdG	Josep Vila Subirós Marià Serrat	January 25 a març 19	Tools for conservation biology (biodiversity). Assessment and prioritisation in Conservation Biology: conservation criteria and indices. Tools for in-situ biodiversity management; objectives, planning and habitat-management techniques. Ex-situ conservation actions.
UB	Belén Gómez, Martí Cors	April 5 a May 28	Tourist routes. Introduction and basic concepts. Tourist routes in natural settings and cultural heritage.
UdL	Ramon Batalla Gemma Piqué	April 5 a May 28	Hydrological management. Processes and interactions in the hydrological cycle. Environmental conditions and water-resource management. Floods. Plans and measures.
UAB	Anna Pou	April 5 a May 28	GIS, planning and landscape. ** Data models and analysis. Landscape management in Catalunya. GIS and environmental planning.
UdL	Marc Ballesté	April 5 a May 28	Mountain societies and cultures. A cross-cultural view of mountain societies. Life histories. Perceptions of the environment. Power and social organisation. Festivities and heritage.
UdL	Jaume Macià	Annual	(C) External placements, compulsory unless exempted
	All teaching staff	Annual	(D) Master's Final Project, compulsory

UAB: Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

UB: Universitat de Barcelona

UdG: Universitat de Girona

UdL: Universitat de Lleida

URV: Universitat Rovira i Virgili

* The final allocation of days and lecturers is subject to occasional changes resulting from personal circumstances and the development of the academic activity of the five participating universities.

** Students enrolling in the subject GIS, planning and landscape who have no previous GIS knowledge are recommended to take the subject Mountain Cartography beforehand.

*** All Master's workshops receive a grant that covers part of the cost of the trips (usually accommodation and breakfast). Transport and other expenses are paid by students. This has so far been possible thanks to additional funding from the Institut de Desenvolupament de l'Alt Pirineu i Aran (IDAPA), and it appears likely to continue. In the elective subject "Natural risks in alpine areas", held in the Alps, the high cost of accommodation and other expenses in Switzerland means that enrolled students must co-finance part of the travel and stay costs (estimated at a minimum of €500 per person). Please also note that, for the same reason, the number of students who can take this subject is limited.

Subject: Environment, economy and society in mountain areas (Compulsory, 9 ECTS)

Mostly in-person afternoon classes at the Universitat de Lleida (Lleida)

	Coordinator:	Montse Salvà	
Univ.	Lead lecturer	Date	General session topic
		October 6	Opening day: Sala de Junttes, 2nd floor (UdL, Edifici Rectorat, 15.30)
UB	Montserrat Salvà	October 7 (online)	Presentation of the first subject: development, contents, methodologies and documentation (MORNING 11:00-12:00)
UAB	Òscar Alemán	October 7	Natural dynamics and processes in mountain areas
URV	Xavier Sigró	October 8	Mountain meteorology and climates (I)
URV	Xavier Sigró	October 9	Mountain meteorology and climates (II)
UB	Pere Oller	October 13	Landslide and avalanche risks
URV	Xavier Sigró	October 14	Climate change, models and future scenarios
UAB	Albert Pèlach	October 15	Evolution of the high-mountain environment: methods and techniques. Class from 15.00 to 18.00 + the play "Camins que parlen"
UB	Xosé Armesto	October 16	Economy and local development; dynamic sectors, clusters and activity niches.
UB	Montserrat Salvà	October 19	Biogeography, biodiversity and wildfire risk.
UB	Maria Ortuño	October 20	Seismic risk
UdL	Ramon Batalla Damià Vericat	October 21	Hydrological risks
	Daniel Paül i Jaume Macià	October 22	General presentation of elective subjects, placements and the Master's Final Project (afternoon, approximately 16.00 to 18.00)
UdL	Ignasi Aldomà	October 23	Rural society: from agrarian society to a service economy; new ruralities
UAB	Ricard Morén	October 26	Current repopulation in small mountain villages: international and internal migration in the mountains of rural Europe
UB	Fernando Gil	October 27	Demographic dynamics and settlement
UdG	Federica Ravera	October 28	Mountain agriculture and pastoralism, agrarian crisis and transformation. Rurality and gender. From 15.30 to 19.30
URV	Salvador Anton	October 29	The revaluation of leisure time and sustainable tourism.
		October 30	No class
UAB	Àngel Cebollada	November 2	"Technological" mountain economy; mobility, ICTs and technological change.
UB UAB	Montserrat Salvà Albert Pèlach	November 3	Field trip (Montserrat). Morning timetable (9.00 to 13.00). There will be time for lunch and to attend the session held at the usual time in Lleida.
UB	Belén Gómez	November 3	Tourism development and the factors shaping mountain tourism (climate change)

UB	Martí Cors	November 4	Skiing and adventure, cultural and nature tourism
URV	Sergi Saladié	November 5	The heritage and landscape values of the mountains
URV	Isabel Paulino	November 6	The mountain as a brand and image
		(online, to be confirmed)	11:00 to 13:00 Presentation of the medium/dry mountain workshop and SWOT analysis

Subject: Planning and management tools for mountain areas (Compulsory, 9 ECTS)

Mostly in-person afternoon classes at the Universitat de Lleida (Lleida)

	Coordinator:	Ignasi Aldomà	
Univ.	Lead lecturer	Date	Januaryal session topic
UdL	Ignasi Aldomà	November 17	Presentation of the subject: development, contents, methodologies, documentation
UdL	Ignasi Aldomà	November 18	The framework for planning and public intervention. Social actors and administrative structures. Public finance
UdL	Ignasi Aldomà	November 19	Regional policy of the States and mountain areas. Development plans and intervention instruments
UAB	Oriol Nel-lo	November 20	Territorial and urban planning. Landscape.
UdG	Josep Vila	November 23	Environment and planning
UdG	Josep Vila	November 24	Natural areas (I). General introduction and legislation.
UdG	Josep Vila	November 25	Natural areas (II). Management, assessment and future
UdL	Ignasi Aldomà	November 26	National Park management / Game Reserve management (outdoors)
URV	Joan Carles Francès	November 27	Risk planning. Emergency plan. Civil protection.
URV	Joan Carles Francès	November 30	Risk planning. Emergency plan. Civil protection.
UdL	José Andrés López Tarazón	December 1	Flood and flash-flood management
UB	Carles Barriocanal	December 2	Environmental impact assessment
URV	Ruben Cabistany	December 3	European regional policy and Leader funds
URV	Ruben Cabistany	December 4	LEADER funds and development initiatives. Regulations, design and implementation.
UdL	Ignasi Aldomà	December 9	European policy and CAP implementation: aid for the agricultural sector
UdL	Daniel Paül Albert Pèlachs	December 10 (all day)	Field visits (to be confirmed)
UdL UAB	Daniel Paül Albert Pèlachs	December 11 (all day)	Field trip to the Pyrenees. Celebration of International Mountain Day
UAB	Toni Durà	December 14	Cross-border policies.
UAB	Anna Vera	December 15	Entrepreneurship in mountain areas; opportunities.
UB	Martí Cors	December 16	Entrepreneurship in the tourism sector
UdL	Jose Manuel Alonso	December 17	From the business model to the business plan
URV	Juan Antonio Duro	December 18	Impact and economic viability assessment

Elective subjects

Mostly online classes

Elective subjects are based on students' independent work, supported by tutorials and in-person sessions. The teaching staff of each subject will provide more detailed information on its development, adapting it to any questions that arise during the course.

Below are the general schedules for each subject, for information purposes. For specific details (assessment, methodologies, syllabus, bibliography, etc.), consult the course guide.

The table indicates the day of the week on which teaching will take place. You may also contact teaching staff to arrange other possible meetings and tutorials. Unless otherwise stated, the meeting time is 17.00 to 19.00. This does not mean that teaching staff will remain connected throughout if no students are connected at the start of the session.

First block	Local territorial development and	Energy management	Tools for conservation biology (biodiversity) From 17.00 to 20.00	Mountain cartography	Alternative mobility in mountain areas At 16.00
Week 1 Presentation	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Friday
Week 3		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
Week 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Friday (final project presentation)
Week 5		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
Week 6	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Friday
Week 7		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
Week 8	Final assessment	Tuesday	Wednesday		Friday

Second block	Tourist routes	GIS, planning and landscape	Hydrological management	Mountain societies and cultures
Week 1 Presentation	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Week 2		Tuesday		Thursday
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
Week 4		Tuesday		Thursday
Week 5		Tuesday	Wednesday	
Week 6	Monday	Tuesday		Thursday
Week 7		Tuesday	Wednesday	
Week 8	Monday	Tuesday		Thursday

Mediterranean mountain and tourism workshop

- Field trip + a prior session to explain the work and logistics + a possible later session to present the work.

Natural risks in alpine areas

- Field trip + a prior session to explain the work and logistics + a possible later session to present the work.