



ADMISSION TO DOCTORAL STUDIES  
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Session

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TOPICS FOR THE ADMISSION TO DOCTORAL STUDIES

TOPIC 1: Study of thermodynamic profiles for some substances used in food preservation in isochoric systems

Content / Main aspects to be considered

*Food preservation in isobaric and isochoric systems*

*Thermodynamic analysis methods*

*Experimental evaluation of cryoprotectants*

*Cryoprotective agents in the food industry*

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<p>TOPIC 2: <i>Use of renewable energy in buildings</i></p>
<p>Content / Main aspects to be considered</p> <p>Use of refrigeration machines as a heat pump</p> <p>Low temperature radiative systems used in buildings</p> <p>Coupling of heat pumps with low temperature radiative systems</p> <p>Heat pumps with natural working (refrigerating) agents</p>
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<p>TOPIC 3: <i>Study of facades with dynamic geometry made of composite materials and vacuum bags</i></p>
<p>Content / Main aspects to be considered</p> <p>Facades with dynamic geometry</p> <p>Composite materials and vacuum bags</p> <p>Passive elements of energy efficiency</p> <p>Intelligent systems</p> <p>3D printed materials</p>

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TOPIC 4: *Experimental research on intelligent facades made of 3D printed composite materials*

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Facades with dynamic geometry

Composite materials and vacuum bags

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TOPIC 5: *Experimental research on facades made of 3D printed composite materials*

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