



Implementation of one course in the Open Course Ware from of Polithecnic Universisy of Madrid, Spain. (OCW-UPM)

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Actually, the OCW-UPM site (4) contains 99 courses of different disciplines. One of these subjects is the course titled “Plantas de interés agroalimentario”, which was added to the OCW-UPM in 2007 in Spanish language, and will be included in English language “Food plants” in 2010. In this work we expose the actual situation of these courses.

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