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Información del Plan Docente

Academic Year 2017/18
Faculty / School 179 - Centro Universitario de la Defensa - Zaragoza
Degree 457 - Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Organisational Engineering
563 - Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Organisational Engineering
ECTS 6.0
Year 4
Semester Half-yearly
Subject Type Compulsory
Module ---

1. General information
1.1. Introduction
1.2. Recommendations to take this course
1.3. Context and importance of this course in the degree
1.4. Activities and key dates
2. Learning goals
2.1. Learning goals
2.2. Importance of learning goals
3. Aims of the course and competences
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3.2. Competences
4. Assessment (1st and 2nd call)
4.1. Assessment tasks (description of tasks, marking system and assessment criteria)
5. Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources
5.1. Methodological overview
The general methodology consists of a combination of lectures by the instructor plus classwork and homework by the student.
5.2. Learning tasks
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Learning activities are the following:

a) Comprehensive reading of all the compulsory texts before each individual session.

b) Class lectures by the Instructor. Students will be required to share their questions and views on the compulsory readings and subjects discussed at class.

c) Unless otherwise noted, all compulsory readings and class presentations will provide the study material for the final exam.

d) Additional materials will be used in most lectures (motion pictures, audios, current and historical news, etc.).

e) Students are required to write an individual essay.

f) International Observatory: Throughout the semester, and in groups of up to four, students are required to report on the international news concerning either a certain geopolitical region or a global actor. Reports will take the form of class colloquiums and an individual written essay at the end of the semester.

Classwork Resources:

Students are authorized to use Internet in their laptops and tablets.

Students are NOT AUTHORIZED to use smartphones, to text message or to chat. In case of violation of these rules, the appropriate disciplinary measures will be adopted.

5.3. Syllabus

PART I: The Era of the World Wars

- The Era of Totalitarianism: Political Realignment. Authoritarianism and Totalitarianism. Soviet Communism. Italian
Fascism. German Nazism.

• **World War II**: Phases. Political, Military and Humanitarian Evolution. Consequences.
• **Classical Geopolitics**: Nation and State. Classical Theories. The Global Strategic Conceptions.

**PART II: The Era of the Cold War**

• **Origins and Nature of the Cold War World**: Ideology, Geopolitics, and Globalization. The UN.
• **The Cold War and the Third World**: Decolonization: development, conflicts and wars. The Non-Alignment Movement and Superpower Interventions. Towards Failed States.
• **Cold War Geopolitics**: Encirclement and Counter-encirclement. The End of Global Theories. New Concepts.

**PART III: The World of Today**

• **Spain and the World of Today**: The European Union. Spain in the World. The International Missions of the Spanish Armed Forces.
• **International Observatory**: Large Geopolitical Areas. Major Global Actors.

**5.4. Course planning and calendar**

• Calendar of Lectures: To be determined at the beginning of the semester. Moodle.
• Deadline for the Individual Essay: To be determined at the beginning of the semester. Moodle.

**5.5. Bibliography and recommended resources**