

27305 - Economic History and World Economy

Información del Plan Docente

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Subject	27305 - Economic History and World Economy
Faculty / School	109 - Facultad de Economía y Empresa 228 - Facultad de Empresa y Gestión Pública 301 - Facultad de Ciencias Sociales y Humanas
Degree	454 - Degree in Business Administration and Management 448 - Degree in Business Administration and Management 458 - Degree in Business Administration and Management
ECTS	6.0
Year	1
Semester	Half-yearly
Subject Type	Basic Education

Module

1.General information

1.1.Aims of the course

This course is designed to help students to understand present day main economic problems. The main objective of most of this course is to give students a historical perspective about them. Causes and characteristics of economic growth, spatial and personal income disparities, the nature and causes of economic crisis and the building of a global economy are the main issues to be discussed throughout the course.

1.2.Context and importance of this course in the degree

1.3.Recommendations to take this course

2.Learning goals

2.1.Competences

2.2.Learning goals

2.3.Importance of learning goals

3.Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

3.1.Assessment tasks (description of tasks, marking system and assessment criteria)

Final exam (70%) and in-class performance/participation (30% practical classes).

In-class performance/participation

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The student can obtain a maximum of three points by actively participating in the tasks that are commissioned and / or carried out in the classes under the direction of the instructor: discussion of readings, preparation of practical cases, resolution of exercises or questions. These tasks can be carried out both in the theory classes and in the practical. The student is expected to read and prepare the readings and homework assignments specified on the reading list, and to participate in the class discussions. To participate actively, the student will need to come to class well prepared in terms of ideas. In other words, the instructors expect the student to speak in class. In addition to the oral participation, the in-class performance also includes the degree to which the student has prepared the assignments.

Final exam (June and September)

The final exam is cumulative; that is to say that it consists of all the materials studied up to the end (including lectures and practical classes). The exam will likely contain all of the following parts: a) A multiple-choice test, b) Short essays.

Assessment criteria (June and September)

The weight of the written exam in the final grade is 70%, with the remaining 30% corresponding to the work done by the students during the semester. In order to pass the course, a minimum grade in the final exam of 3 points will be required (on the 7 total points of the exam).

* Students who do not have an in-class performance assessment or who wish to improve it may take a single final exam worth 100% of their final grade. In this case, the exam includes one or several additional questions that will be worth 3 points out of 10, and that will be related to the participation tasks that have been carried out throughout the semester. The student who has a participation grade throughout the course must renounce it if he/she wants to take the exam for 100% of the subject.

These criteria will be applicable both in the first call of June and the second of September.

In those centers where success rates and performance are abnormally low, the instructors may offer :

a) The realization of an exam that the instructors will notice previously, corresponding in the program to the Part I: The world economy in a long term perspective and to the Part II: The world economy in the XIX and XX centuries. The exam will be theoretical and practical, in the month of April, once the classes of the two parties are finished. This exam is 2/3 of 7 points (it belongs to 70% of the final grade). The minimum required to pass this exam will be 2 points. Students who pass this test should only do in the June official exam the questions that belong to Part III: the world economy today. If they do not pass this exam, they will take the final exam of all the subject matter. This situation is only valid for the June exams, that is, in September the student must take the exam of the whole subject.

b) Whether the student performs the exam of section a) or not, in the final exam, Part III of the program of the subject is the remaining 1/3 of 7 points (belongs to 70% of the final grade). The minimum required to pass this part will be 1 point.

c) The practical classes will be a maximum of 3 points (30% of the final grade) that will be added to the scores obtained in sections a) and b), if the minimums required in each of them are reached.

4.Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

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4.1. Methodological overview

The methodology followed in this course is oriented towards achievement of the learning objectives. It is based on learning theoretical contents, readings and active participation in class. A wide range of teaching and learning tasks are implemented, such as lectures, practical activities, readings, autonomous work and tutorials.

4.2. Learning tasks

The 6 ECTS (150 hours) course is organized as follows:

- **Lectures** (30 hours). The professor exposes theoretical contents two hours per week.
- **Practice sessions** (30 hours). Students read and prepare readings and quantitative information (graphics, tables, model results...). Additionally, oral participation is valued. Students and professor resolve the issues and questions suggested.
- **Autonomous work and study** (75 hours). It consists on autonomous study and preparation of practice sessions.
- **Tutorials** (15 hours). Professors' office hours can be used to solve doubts and to follow-up student's work.

4.3. Syllabus

The course will address the following topics:

Topic 1. Economic development in the long run

Growth and development. Modern economic growth: characteristics and causes. The two waves of globalization. Income disparities. Economic growth and the environment.

Topic 2. Institutional change

Institutional change and market economies. The evolution of enterprises and the managerial business system. The evolution of the labor market. Emergence and evolution of the modern financial system. The growth of public intervention.

Topic 3. The origins of modern economic growth

The British industrial revolution. The spread of industrialization. The growth of the Settler Economies. The economic backwardness in the non-Western World.

Topic 4. Models of economic growth in the twentieth century

The 1930s' economic crisis. The golden age of capitalism. The Soviet economy and the European planned economies. Economic growth of the developing countries. The 1970s' oil crisis.

Topic 5. The bases of present day global economy

The second wave of globalization. Emerging Markets. European Integration. The Great Recession.

4.4. Course planning and calendar

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Further information concerning the timetable, classroom, office hours, assessment dates and other details regarding this course, will be provided on the first day of class or please refer to the Moodle website (<https://moddle2.unizar.es>); Academic calendar website (<https://academico.unizar.es/calendario-academico/calendario>); or the website of your corresponding faculty (Zaragoza: <https://econz.unizar.es/>, Huesca: <http://fegp.unizar.es/>, Teruel: <http://fcsh.unizar.es/>).

4.5. Bibliography and recommended resources