30141 - The world today

Información del Plan Docente

Academic Year 2018/19
Subject 30141 - The world today
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. Aims of 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)

4. Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources
4.1. Methodological overview
The general methodology consists of a combination of lectures by the instructor plus classwork and homework by the student.

4.2. Learning tasks
Learning activities are the following:
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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.

**4.3. Syllabus**

**PART I: The Era of the World Wars**

- **International Relations in the Interwar Years**: The League of Nationals. The Locarno System. The Collapse of Collective Security and the Road to War.
- **The Global Economy in the Interwar Years**: The End of the First Globalization. From the Postwar Crisis to the Roaring Twenties. The Great Depression. The Rise of the State.
- **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.
- **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.

4.4. Course planning and calendar

- Class schedule to be determined at the beginning of the semester. Further information will be found at Moodle.
- A number of practical exercises will be held at class. The specific date of each one will be announced at least one week in advance, although some could take place without prior notice. Further information will be found at Moodle.
- Compulsory Individual Essay: The student has to put forward his proposal at the beginning of the semester. The deadline for submissions will be announced at the beginning of the semester. Further information will be found at Moodle.
- Guest lecturers external to CUD might be invited to the Course.
- The Final Exam will take place at the end of the semester.

4.5. Bibliography and recommended resources