

28106 - Basic principles of geography

Syllabus Information

Academic Year: 2019/20

Subject: 28106 - Basic principles of geography

Faculty / School: 103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras

Degree: 418 - Degree in History

ECTS: 6.0

Year: 1

Semester: Second semester

Subject Type: Basic Education

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

Fundamentals of Geography have a special interest in the Degree in History as it brings the territoriality factor, necessary to locate and to explain the facts, processes and historical events. A good knowledge of basic concepts of Geography and Social Sciences is required, as well as skills to work with the new information technologies (Internet, Excel, Word, etc.). It will be encouraged to work in teams due to the increasingly multidisciplinary approaches. Most of the scientific information is disseminated in English, so that a good knowledge of this language is necessary.

2.Learning goals

2.1.Competences

2.2.Learning goals

- 1.Know the objectives of Geography, its fields of action and analysis systems to complement and support the historical study. Spatialize historical and social events.
- 2.Critical ability to analyze facts and processes developed in the territory, differentiating the peculiarities of several areas and how they can influence History.
- 3.Analyze statistical information, conduct field work, use statistical tools, analyze maps, use geographic information technologies, and integrate the results.
- 4.Understand the complexity of natural factors, resources, and political and administrative elements involved in a territorial system.
- 5.Understand the need to work in multidisciplinary teams, using methodologies of other social sciences, mainly of Geography.

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 methodology followed in this course is oriented towards the achievement of the learning objectives. A wide range of

teaching and learning tasks are implemented, such as lectures, practice sessions, autonomous work, study and assessment tasks.

Students are expected to participate actively in class throughout the semester.

Further information regarding the course will be provided on the first day of class.

4.2.Learning tasks

The course includes the following learning tasks:

- Lectures. Explanation of theoretical concepts and practical exercises in class (20 days).
- Practice sessions.
- Assignments. Supervised work to solve problems and cases when students have no classes.
- Autonomous work and study.
- Assessment tasks.

4.3.Syllabus

The course will address the following topics:

1. Concept, content and application fields of Geography.
2. Analytical instruments in Geography.
3. Presentation of large geographical units and its suitability for human life.
4. Methodologies to analyze the processes of human occupation in the territory.
5. Characteristics of the low population density areas: rural areas.
6. Analysis of the most populated territories: the urban environment.
7. Territorial dynamics, borders and globalization.
8. New trends and scope of Geography: spatial planning, urban planning and environment.

Practice sessions

- Interpretation and analysis of cartography.
- Analysis of natural resources.
- Analysis of resources and economic systems.
- Analysis of the demographic structure and its dynamic.
- Analysis of low population density areas: rural areas.
- Analysis of high population density areas: urban and city system.
- Field trip to observe the contents of the above practices.
- Specific readings based on the subject contents.

4.4.Course planning and calendar

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 Faculty of Philosophy and Arts website (<https://fyl.unizar.es/>; academic calendar <http://academico.unizar.es/calendario-academico/calendario>, timetable <https://fyl.unizar.es/horario-de-clases#overlay-context=horario-de-clases>; assessment dates: <https://fyl.unizar.es/calendario-de-examenes#overlay-context=>)

4.5.Bibliography and recommended resources