

Academic Year/course: 2021/22

25305 - History of the present world

Syllabus Information

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Subject: 25305 - History of the present world

Faculty / School: 103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras

Degree: 272 - Degree in Journalism

ECTS: 6.0

Year: 1

Semester: Second Four-month period

Subject Type: Basic Education

Module:

1. General information

2. Learning goals

3. Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

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. It is based on active participation, case studies, teamwork etc. that favor the development of communicative skills and critical thinking. A wide range of teaching and learning tasks are implemented, such as lectures, practice sessions, autonomous work, tutorials, and assessment tasks.

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

Classroom materials will be available via Moodle. These include a repository of the lecture notes used in class, the course syllabus, as well as other course-specific learning materials, including a discussion forum.

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

4.2. Learning tasks

This is a 6 ECTS course organized as follows:

? Lectures. The teacher presents theoretical contents illustrated with relevant examples.

? Practice sessions. They can include discussion and presentation of case studies, learning of techniques and practical work outside the classroom (field work or visits).

? Autonomous work. Students do tasks such as study, readings, preparation of practice sessions and seminars, and summative assignments.

? Tutorials. Office hours can be used to solved doubts and for follow-up of students? learning progress.

? Assessment tasks.

4.3. Syllabus

The course will address the following topics:

1. World War Two and the Aftermath (1939-1947). Creating a New International Order.

2. What was the Cold War? Chronology, Causes, and Consequences. Emergence of two hostile Power Blocks: The United States and the Soviet Union. The bipolar world.
3. The Role of the Mass Media and Propaganda during the Cold War.
4. Stalinist Russia, Totalitarianism, hostility, coexistence and disintegration. From Stalin to Gorbachev.
5. The United States: containment, interventionism and tolerance. From Truman to Reagan.
6. The construction of Democratic Europe: Community agreements. The East European Soviet Satellite States (1945-1991).
7. Decolonization and its consequences, from 1960 to the Present.
8. What everyone should know about Islam and Muslims? Approach to contemporary Islamic world.
9. Latin America from 1945 to the Present.
10. The End of the Cold War (1986-1991) and the post-Cold War era.

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 (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

<http://psfunizar10.unizar.es/br13/egAsignaturas.php?codigo=25305>