

Academic Year/course: 2021/22

25306 - Contemporary political and administrative institutions

Syllabus Information

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Subject: 25306 - Contemporary political and administrative institutions

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 methodologies that favor the development of critical thinking. A wide range of teaching and learning tasks are implemented, such as lectures, practice sessions, autonomous work and assessment.

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

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 solve doubts and for follow-up of students' learning progress.

? Assessment tasks.

4.3. Syllabus

The course will address the following topics:

- Topic 1- The birth of the modern state. From the French Revolution to the consolidation of the European liberal state.
- Topic 2- Building the nation and the state in contemporary Spain.
- Topic 3- Small states, big empires. The Western world and the shaping of empires in the nineteenth/19th century until the Great War. Political models of Liberalism in Europe. Twentieth/20th century models of government in the

colonies.

- Topic 4- The centrality of the state in the twentieth/20th century: Great War, Russian Revolution, Fascism and the welfare state. The birth of international rule: From the League of Nations to the UN.
- Topic 5- Policy framework and institutions of the twentieth/20th century Spain: Crisis of the Restauración regime, Primo's Dictatorship, Second Republic, Civil War and Francoism.
- Topic 6- The political transition in Spain and the 1978 constitutional regime of 1978. Description of the state's political and institutional framework.
- Topic 7- The construction of Europe. From the Marshall Plan to the European Union. Milestones, evolution and process. Spain and Europe in the second half of the twentieth/20th century.
- Topic 8- The Spanish democracy in action. Parties, institutions, branches of government, autonomous communities. Political developments.
- Topic 9-Building the twenty-first/21st Century: new social challenges and the impact of the economic crisis. Crisis of representation mechanisms and social mobilization in Spain, Europe and the world.

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 and the following websites (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=25306>