

Academic Year/course: 2021/22

28114 - Early Modern History: 16th Century A.D.

Syllabus Information

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Subject: 28114 - Early Modern History: 16th Century A.D.

Faculty / School: 103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras

Degree: 418 - Degree in History

ECTS: 6.0

Year: 2

Semester: First semester

Subject Type: Compulsory

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. 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.
- Practice sessions.
- Autonomous work and study.
- Assessment tasks.

4.3. Syllabus

The course will address the following topics:

Introduction

- Topic 1. The concept of Early Modern History: problems of definition. The question of periodization. Sources. Developments in the historiographical treatment.
- Topic 2. The beginnings of the Early Modern Age: Overcoming the late medieval crisis. European expansion: The discovery of America. The formation of the Spanish and Portuguese colonial empires.

The sixteenth century

- Topic 3. Population, economy and society. The European population growth and its limits, the rural economy. The development of commercial and financial capitalism. The privileged society. Social transformations. Economic development and social polarization.
- Topic 4. Reformations. Luther. Calvin. European expansion of the Reformation and its structures. The Radical Reformation. The Counter Reformation. The Council of Trent. The Society of Jesus.
- Topic 5. The political system of modern Europe. «Rex and regnum»; the increase of the authority of the prince. Courts, diets, and parliaments. The political thought.
- Topic 6. European monarchies in the first half of the sixteenth century: the Empire of Charles V. Habsburg and Valois. Religion and politics. Confessional conflicts in Europe. The Turks.
- Topic 7. The powerful Spanish monarchy: Philip II. The Wars of Religion. The Revolt of the Netherlands. The Empire. England. The Nordic countries.
- Topic 8. Cultural development: Humanism and Renaissance. The means of cultural transmission: the book and education. The culture of the subaltern classes.

The extra-european worlds

- Topic 9. The European projection over America. Empires in Asia. Africa: cultures, slaves and trade.

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=>)