

27446 - Regional Economics

Syllabus Information

Academic year: 2023/24

Subject: 27446 - Regional Economics

Faculty / School: 109 - Facultad de Economía y Empresa

Degree: 417 - Degree in Economics

ECTS: 3.0

Year: 4

Semester: First semester

Subject type: Optional

Module:

1. General information

Through **mature, critical and shared learning**, the result of reading and study, as well as the exposition and debate of arguments, all based on a continuous personal and group effort, three objectives are pursued.

First of all, to argue based on relevant concepts and approaches of Economic Geography and Political Economy, which are omitted or barely dealt with in the undergraduate subjects, especially in the development.

A second goal is to understand Spanish and European spatial dynamics.

Finally, the policies that contribute to the development of the territories are studied.

The applicable SDGs would be 8, economic *growth* (or rather, development), 11, *sustainable communities and cities*, and 16, peace, justice and strong institutions

2. Learning results

In terms of content:

- To understand the spatial and community logic of economic activities and to be able to explain it through theoretical and conceptual frameworks.
- To know the main regional and local policies, as well as to recognize the geographic and social components of any public intervention.

Regarding skills and competencies:

- Know how to develop the contents until integrating them into one's own knowledge.
- Strengthen skills and aptitudes to search for relevant information - bibliographic, statistical, as well as through the observation of reality - and appreciate its quality.
- Improve skills related to reading, synthesis and critical commentary of scientific documents, legislative texts and reports.
- Question the territory, the economy and the society in which we live.
- Increase efficiency and clarity in the transmission of arguments.

Regarding attitudes:

- Recognize scientific knowledge as a basic instrument to detect and solve economic problems in the territory.
- Foster intellectual curiosity and restlessness, as well as a critical sense and tolerance.
- Commitment to learning, with personal demand and responsibility in the individual and joint activities that will be proposed.

3. Syllabus

Unit 1: Territory and economy

Unit 2: Rural and urban, complementarities.

Unit 3: Population

Unit 4: Theories on regional growth

Unit 5: The configuration of the Spanish and European economic space

Unit 6: Regional policies in the European Union

Unit 7: Territorial aspects of economic policies in Spain

4. Academic activities

The program to achieve the expected results includes the following activities:

- Lectures, 15 hours.
- Collective and individual exercises and their joint resolution, 15 hours.
- Personal work (study, readings, elaboration of exercises, attendance to forums, etc.), 43 hours.
- Exams, 2 hours.
- Presentations by external experts.
- Tutoring.

The teaching methodology is foreseen to be face-to-face. However, if necessary for health reasons, the classes may be taught *online*.

5. Assessment system

The subject can be passed by means of a global evaluation with the possibility of releasing a part of the exam and consolidating a part of the grade through tests and exercises during the term in the first call. In the second call, the criteria would be the same, as the grade derived from the work done during the class period, if any, will be retained, to be averaged in the same way with a final test.

Assessment Criteria:

In both calls, **the student will be able to choose between taking a global exam** (in which case, the grade obtained in this exam, up to a maximum of 10 points, will represent one hundred percent of the grade) **or to take advantage of the work done throughout the term.**

In the latter case, the grade for the subject will be distributed as follows::

1. Writing, presentation and discussion of a series of **theoretical and practical exercises and papers.**

The ability to apply the contents of the subject to the topics, the rigor in the documentation and the capacity for autonomous reasoning, critical sense and expository clarity will be taken into account. Both the written exercise and the participation during the class discussion will be evaluated. The grade obtained will have a weighting of **25 percent** in the final grade. This grade will be maintained for all the calls of the academic year.

2. Realization and discussion of a series of **short comments elaborated** by each student, individually, during the classes. The evaluation criteria will take into account the ability to apply the contents of the subject to the topics address and the capacity for autonomous reasoning, critical sense and expository clarity. The written exercise and participation during class sharing will be taken into account. The grade obtained will have a **15 percent** weighting in the final grade. This grade will be maintained for all the calls of the academic year.

Students who pass both the group and individual exercises will not have to take the second part of the **written exam**. In this case, the grade for this activity represents 60 percent of the final grade for the subject

However, **obtaining a grade lower than 3.5 out of 10 in this test will result in a failure in the subject** and it cannot be compensated with the grade obtained in the other tests taken during the term.

I f a student does not pass or does not complete all the group exercises (which could also be individual, depending on the circumstances), the grade of the written exam, of which they will have taken both parts, will represent 75 percent of the final grade. **If the student does not do the individual comments raised during the classes**, the written exam, of which they will have taken the two parts that comprise it, will represent 85 percent of the final grade. If they do not perform any type of voluntary exercise, the theoretical-practical exercises and works or comments, their grade will coincide with the one obtained in the written exam taken in its entirety. If they so wish, **they may waive the grade obtained in the practical part**, individual or group, and take the exam as a whole, in which case the grade obtained in this global test will be reflected in the transcript.