

## Political Analysis

Academic Year: ( 2018 / 2019 )

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Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

Coordinating teacher: NATERA PERAL, ANTONIO

Type: Electives ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : Semester :

## OBJECTIVES

On having finished the course, students should be competent to:

- analyze basically the current political systems dynamics
- identify the political actors involved in different political processes
- recognize the main political and electoral behaviour issues
- understand the role of political culture, values and ideologies in democracies

## DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

The subject is structured in the following thematic blocks:

1. Political culture, values and ideologies
  - The world of values in political system
  - Analysis of beliefs, attitudes and ideologies in the political system
  - Characteristics and stages of political socialization
  - Political culture and its types
2. Political Actors and Behavior
  - Political parties and party systems. Political leadership
  - Interest groups, lobbies, and social movements
  - Media and politics
  - Political participation in democratic societies
  - Political representation and elections. Models of electoral systems.
  - Basic analysis of electoral behavior
3. Public Policy and Administration
  - Policy analysis: conventional cycle, actors and "styles"
  - Problem formulation, decision making and agenda setting
  - Public policy implementation and evaluation
  - Public management and administration in contemporary world.

## LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Teaching time is distributed according to the following training activities:

- Lectures. It includes case studies that illustrate lectures.
- Written exercises on basic reading program and presentations by student teams
- Other training: specific work on a film; book test; newspaper seminar; structured discussions, etc..

## ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- Final exam grade: 5 points. It requires to pass final exam to be taken into consideration class grade
- Classe grade: 5 points

<b>% end-of-term-examination:</b>	50
<b>% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):</b>	50

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