

Academic Year: (2018 / 2019)

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Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

Coordinating teacher: NATERA PERAL, ANTONIO

Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 1 Semester : 2

OBJECTIVES

- Understanding of the main approaches, theories and models of contemporary political analysis.
- Ability to link theoretical issues of contemporary politics with the empirical factors and the dynamics of political systems.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

1. Scientific Knowledge and Political Science. Research paradigms.

2. Research approaches and theories

- Models of explanation
- Normativism
- Critical Theory and postmodernism
- Behaviorism and functionalism
- System Analysis
- Institutionalism and new institutionalism
- Rational choice theory
- Other current theories and approaches.

3. Methodology for empirical political analysis. A practical guide

- Theory and problems construction. Analytical strategies.
- Concepts elaboration and operativization. Analytical levels.
- The hypothesis testing
- Information access and data bases in the field of political science.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Teaching time is distributed according to the following training activities:

- Classes (50 per 100). It includes case studies that illustrate the lectures.
- Exercises and/or final paper elaboration, explanations and public debates on basic reading and case workshop: 50 per 100

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- Examination of the subject on the agenda developed and basic readings (50% of the final grade).
- exercises and/or papers, exhibitions or other practical activities (50% of the final grade).

The student must pass the exam to pass the course.

% end-of-term-examination: 50

% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 50

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