World Politics

Academic Year: (2018 / 2019) **Review date: 17-05-2017**

Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

Coordinating teacher: RICHARDS , ANDREW JOHN

Type: Basic Core ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 1 Semester : 2

Branch of knowledge: Social Sciences and Law

OBJECTIVES

- Skills related to the development of analytical and critical thinking.
- Communication skills and writing skills in carrying out work, case studies and exams.
- Public speaking and presentation skills.
- Interpersonal skills such as the ability to work in teams or use of the technique of role play.
- Understanding of the main approaches and theories of international relations.
- Ability to link theoretical analysis with the evolution, processes, structures, problems and challenges of the contemporary global order.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

The course is divided into the following topics:

1. Main theories and approaches to international relations
- Classic approaches
- Realism
- Liberalism
- Neo-realism and neo-liberalism
- Marxist theories
- Social constructivism
- Other approaches

2. From the international system to the globalized world
- Evolution of international society
- Processes of recent decades
- Key features of the new world order

3. The international system
- Types of actors
- Structure of the international system
- Dynamics of cooperation and conflict

4. Problems, dynamics and challenges on the international agenda
- Crisis of world governance
- The emergence of the BRIC countries
- Global terrorism
- Nuclear proliferation
- Globalization and the international economic system
- Environmental change and international relations
- Power and Information society
- Other

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Lectures given by the teacher and activities done by students who will apply the knowledge acquired and develop their skills.

The training activities aim to involve students in the learning process. To this end, the teacher will provide basic knowledge and tools needed to strengthen their analytical ability and encourage their critical spirit.
In this regard, the reading of selected materials, viewing of documentaries and films, and essays

written by students will be fundamental. Likewise, the professor will encourage discussions on current topics, presentations and role play so that students develop their communication and interpersonal skills.

6 ECTS credits, 150 hours approximately.

Lectures and other activities in class: 42 hours
Study of the subject by students: 56 hours
Preparation of presentations and essays by students: 42 hours
Make-up classes, office hours, hand-in of papers, etc.: 8 hours
Exam: 2 hours

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Final grades will be computed according the following weigths:

- Class Participation and presentations 15%
- Take home paper 50%
- In-Class Final Exam 35%

Final Exam must be passed to pass the course.

% end-of-term-examination:	35
% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals…):	65

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