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Academic Year: (2018 / 2019) **Review date: 03-05-2018**

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

% end-of-term-examination: 50

% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals…):   50

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