

Academic Year: (2019 / 2020)

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Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

Coordinating teacher: LOSADA MAESTRE, ROBERTO

Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 2 Semester :

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Political Theories and Ideologies I

OBJECTIVES

Understanding the influence of ideologies on current political and social movements.
 Recognizing and distinguishing the main Western ideologies and its different roots, both political and historical
 Acquiring through the knowledge of the main concepts, currents of thought and discussions on political theory, the necessary theoretical tools to analyze political phenomena today.
 Learning how to relate political ideologies and policies in response to problems of modern societies such as multiculturalism and immigration or nationalism and the crisis of the nation-state model, for instance.
 Developing both reason and argument skills.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

UNIT I: REPUBLICANISM

Origins and Development

Republicanism and neorepublicanism

Central themes

Republicanism and democracy

Special Attention will be paid to the following Thinkers: P. Pettit, Q. Skinner, B. Barber.

UNIT II: COMMUNITARIANISM

Origins and Development

Central themes

Common Good

Liberalism, Communitarianism and Politics of Identity

Special Attention will be paid to the following Thinkers: M. Sandel, M. Walzer, Ch. Taylor, A. Etzioni

UNIT III: MULTICULTURALISM

Origins and Development

Central themes

Diversity, Identity

Federalism, Nationalism

Special Attention will be paid to the following Thinkers: W. Kymlicka, B. Parekh, A. Gagnon.

UNIT IV: FEMINISM

Origins and Development

Central themes

Liberal Feminism. Socialist Feminism. Radical Feminism

Special Attention will be paid to the following Thinkers: M. Wollstonecraft, F. Tristán, A. Phillips, Ch. Mouffe.

UNIT V: ECOLOGISM

Origins and Development

Special Attention will be paid to the following Thinkers: Lovelock, A. Dobson, M. Löwy.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

- ¿The course includes both plenary lectures and practical sessions
- ¿A main aim of the course is to get students involved in the learning process, offering the basic tools in order to reasoning and debating the topics and readings of the subject program
- ¿Students will be encouraged to compare the different ideologies and authors presented throughout the plenary lectures.
- ¿Researching skills will be developed through the depth study of one particular ideology. By the end of the course, students must be capable of:
 - a) Finding its roots
 - b) Identifying its main authors and point out in what ideas they agree/differ
 - c) Giving examples of its presence in concrete political phenomena
- ¿Once the research is finished, students must defend firmly their choice, and prove that they know the main differences with the rest of the ideologies included in the program

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Final exam (50% of the final grade). Students are expected to get, at least, a 50% in the exam to pass the Overall Assessment. A midterm exam could eventually be proposed

Continuous assessment activities (50% of the final grade), that include: obligatory readings, final version and public defense of the group project, individual interventions along the sessions.

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

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