

Academic Year: ( 2019 / 2020 )

Review date: 21-05-2020

Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

Coordinating teacher: FERNANDEZ GARCIA, EVA

Type: Electives ECTS Credits : 3.0

Year : 1 Semester : 2

**REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)**

Tools of statistics and econometrics.

**OBJECTIVES**

- Advanced understanding of the academic literature on the historical roots of divergence in development
- Learn about demographic processes, human capital measures and determinants of human capital formation, migration patterns, colonialism, pre-colonial institutions, slavery and other topics
- Ability to write short essays using the basic rules of scientific works
- Capacity to debate and question opinions with academic rigour
- Ability to work in teams
- Practice giving academic presentations

**DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME**

Topic 1 Demography, human capital and growth

1. Population change
2. Human capital
3. Migration

Topic 2 Pre-colonial institutions and slavery

1. Pre-Colonial institutions: Africa
2. Pre-Colonial institutions: Latin America and Asia
3. Slavery

Topic 3 Colonialism

1. The legacy of colonialism: colonial rule and investments
2. The legacy of colonialism: education
3. The legacy of colonialism: land, labor and inequality

Topic 4 Environment

**LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY**

The module is based on 11 sessions of 2 hours each. Sessions will include both lectures and discussions of the most relevant articles.

**ASSESSMENT SYSTEM**

Continuous evaluation (includes active participation in discussions and presentation of an academic article, as well as a group assignment): 50 percent

Exam: 50 percent

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