

Academic Year: ( 2019 / 2020 )

Review date: 03-05-2018

Department assigned to the subject: Department of Social Sciences

Coordinating teacher: SANCHEZ-CUENCA RODRIGUEZ, IGNACIO

Type: Basic Core ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 1 Semester : 1

Branch of knowledge: Social Sciences and Law

**COMPETENCES AND SKILLS THAT WILL BE ACQUIRED AND LEARNING RESULTS.**

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.

Knowledge of the methods, theories and some substantive issues in the comparison of political systems.

Ability to link theoretical issues of comparative politics to evidence

**DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME**

## 1. Introduction

- What is comparative politics?
- The substance of comparative politics
- The method of comparative politics
- Evolution of comparative politics

## 2. Economic development and political regimes

- Introduction
- The Problem
- The seminal study of Lipset: criticisms and new approaches
- Quantitative and qualitative comparisons
- Final remarks

## 3. Democratization

- Democracies and non-democracies
- Transitions to democracy
- Democratic Consolidation?
- The conditions for democracy
- Revisiting theories of democratization

## 4. Institutional design and democratic performance

- Introduction
- Debates on institutional design: government systems, party systems and electoral systems
- The quality of democracy

## 5. Comparative Welfare state

- Introduction
- Types of welfare regimes
- Transformations, crisis and reforms
- Challenges

**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 and essays written by students will be fundamental.

Likewise, the professor will encourage discussions on current topics, presentations and role play so that students expand their communication and interpersonal skills. This will be complemented by screenings of documentaries / films relating to any matter relevant to the subject. This latter is intended to capture students' interest on issues that sometimes may seem too abstract, without a clear empirical referent.

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 weights:

Class Participation	10%
Assignments in the classroom	50%
Final Exam	40%

Final Exam must be passed with a minimum of 50% to pass the course.

**% end-of-term-examination:** 40

**% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):** 60

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