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Workshop on Geopolitical and Strategic Reports

Academic Year: (2019 / 2020) Review date: 07-05-2020

Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

Coordinating teacher: HIDALGO TRENADO, MANUEL

Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits: 3.0

Year: 1 Semester: 1

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Basic knowledge of Statistics.

OBJECTIVES

Apart from general competences common to other subjects of the master's degree, this subject proposes, specifically, the ability to understand and prepare reports of geopolitical and strategic nature according to the specific methods and techniques of this type of documents. The most relevant learning outcomes acquired by the student are:

- Applied knowledge to analyze geopolitical and strategic issues.
- Ability to select indicators and measures to assess geopolitical and strategic issues.
- Ability to present information in a graphic, written and oral way.
- Ability to prepare and develop a scientific report in the field of geopolitics and strategic studies.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

- Introduction to the workshop
- What is a report? Type of reports, objective, audience, success criteria
- The process to write a report
- Structure and writing of a report
- Geopolitical videos: features and how to write a script
- Geopolitical analysis with Big Data
- Development of national and regional geopolitical reports

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

The subject combines theoretical / interactive sessions and practical sessions. The first ones present the essential aspects of the subjects of the course, while the practical activities will focus on the resolution of practical cases, sometimes in the computer room, the exhibition and discussion in class and the elaboration of papers reports individually or in a group.

The tutorials will be in person and by video. The student can also use the email to communicate with the professors.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Class participation: 25% of the final grade.

Exercises during the course: 25% of the final grade

Elaboration in group of a report or the preparation of the script of a video: 50% of the final grade

% end-of-term-examination: 50

% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 50

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