

Academic Year: (2019 / 2020)

Review date: 04-09-2019

Department assigned to the subject: Department of Social Sciences

Coordinating teacher:

Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 1 Semester : 2

COMPETENCES AND SKILLS THAT WILL BE ACQUIRED AND LEARNING RESULTS.

- Understanding of the main approaches, theories and models of contemporary political analysis.
- Ability to link theoretical issues of contemporary politics with the empirical factors and the dynamics of political systems.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

1. Research paradigms and explanations models in Political Science.
2. Normativism.
3. Critical Theory and postmodernism.
4. Constructivism and Interpretive Theory.
5. Behaviorism.
6. System Analysis and functionalism.
7. Institutionalism and new institutionalism.
8. Rational choice theory.
9. Other current theories and approaches.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Teaching time is distributed according to the following training activities:

- Classes (50 per 100). It includes case studies that illustrate the lectures.
- Exercises and/or final paper elaboration, explanations and public debates on basic reading and case workshop: 50 per 100

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- Examination of the subject on the agenda developed and basic readings (50% of the final grade).
- exercises and/or papers, exhibitions or other practical activities (50% of the final grade).

The student must pass the exam to pass the course.

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

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

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ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- Colomer, J. M., Science of Politics,, Oxford University Press, 2010
- Dahl, R.A. Modern Political Analysis, Prentice Hall, 5th. ed., 1991.
- Green, Donald. P & Shapiro, Ian Pathologies of Rational Choice Theory, Yale University Press, 1994
- Hall, P. y R. Taylor, "Political Science and the Three New Institutionalisms", en K. Sottan, E. Uslander y V. Haufler (eds.), Institutions and Social Order, The University of Michigan Press,, 1998.
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