

Academic Year: ( 2019 / 2020 )

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Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

Coordinating teacher: GARCIA ALBACETE, GEMA MARIA

Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 2 Semester : 2

## OBJECTIVES

CG3 - Be able to analyze social and political phenomena following the scientific method, using a critical perspective and recognizing the plurality of theoretical-methodological perspectives of the fields and subdisciplines linked to Political Science

CG4 - Know how to transfer the knowledge and skills acquired to face practical problems in the different areas in which professional opportunities are specified

CG5 - Being able to communicate, defend, and refute arguments on the most relevant issues in Political Science, both orally and in writing

CB1 - That students demonstrate to possess and understand knowledge in an area of study that starts from the base of the general secondary education, and is usually found at a level that, while supported by advanced textbooks, also includes some aspects that imply knowledge coming from the vanguard of his field of study

CB2 - That students know how to apply their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional manner and possess the competencies that are usually demonstrated through the elaboration and defense of arguments and the resolution of problems within their area of study

CB3 - That students have the ability to gather and interpret relevant data (usually within their area of study) to make judgments that include a reflection on relevant issues of a social, scientific or ethical nature

CB4 - That students can transmit information, ideas, problems and solutions to a specialized and non-specialized public

CB5 - That the students have developed the learning skills necessary to undertake further studies with a high degree of autonomy

CT1 - Be able to work in multidisciplinary and / or international teams

CT2 - Demonstrate ability to organize and plan your work, making the right decisions based on the information available, and gathering and interpreting relevant data to make judgments within your area of study

CE5 - Recognize the components of electoral systems and interpret the way in which electoral processes develop

CE19 - Understand and use the concepts of social psychology when analyzing individuals, attitudes, cognition and behavior in politics.

CE4 - Analyze the behavior of political actors, processes of political participation and the role of citizens in contemporary democracies

## DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

1. The role of citizens and political participation in contemporary democracies
2. Normative and empirical perspectives. Forms and levels of participation
3. Political Attitudes. Development and evolution
4. Political participation theories: individual, meso and macro levels
5. Non-institutional participation and protest: individual and contextual explanations
6. Inequality in political participation: causes and consequences
7. New forms of participation and online activism

## LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

**LECTURES.** Lectures by the instructor in class with support of computer and audiovisual media, including the main concepts of the subject and the materials and bibliography provided to complement students' learning

**PRACTICES.** Resolution, individually or in groups, of practical cases, problems, etc. raised by the instructor

**OFFICE HOURS.** Individualized assistance (individual tutorials) or group (collective tutorials) to students

by the  
instructor.

#### ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Exam: 60% of final grade. The reading materials will be part of the exam material.  
Tests on the reading materials and essays delivered in due day: 40% of the final grade.

Students must obtain at least a score of 5 in the exam to pass the subject.

<b>% end-of-term-examination:</b>	60
<b>% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):</b>	40

#### BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

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