

Electoral analysis

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Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 3 Semester : 1

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Political actors
Political behaviour

OBJECTIVES

COMPETENCES THAT WILL BE ACQUIRED:

CG3 - Students will be able to analyze social and political reality following the scientific method, from a critical perspective and recognizing the plurality of theoretical-methodological perspectives of the fields of specialty and subdisciplines linked to the Political science

CG4 - Students will know how to transfer the knowledge and skills acquired to face practical problems in the different areas in which they have professional opportunities

CG5 - Students will be able to communicate and defend and refute arguments on the most relevant issues in the Political Science of substantiated, both orally and in writing

CB1 - Students will have demonstrated 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 - Students will 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 your area of ¿¿study

CB3 - Students will 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 - Students will be able to transmit information, ideas, problems and solutions to a specialized and non-specialized public specialized

CB5 - Students will develop those learning skills necessary to undertake further studies with a high degree of autonomy

CT1 - Students will be able to work in multidisciplinary and / or international teams

CT2 - Demonstrate the ability to organize and plan your own work, making the right decisions based on the information available, 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 they develop processes electoral

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

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

LEARNING RESULTS:

RA1. The student will possess advanced knowledge and skills in Political Science, both related to theoretical issues and practical or methodological.

RA2. The student will be able to collect data, produce information and operate with it to base his reflections and judgments on social and political reality.

RA3. The student will be able to apply the skills and knowledge acquired to solve problems in complex situations and academic or professional work environments that demand creative or innovative ideas.

RA4. The student know how to expose and communicate to all types of audiences -specialized or not- problems and solutions that can be addressed from the Political Science as well as the knowledge and methodologies that are linked to them.

RA5. The student will be able to identify his training needs in his field of study and work or professional environment and he will be able to organize your learning independently and independently of the type of context.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

1. Democratic theory and political representation: elections as an instrument of political representation
2. The electoral systems: the principle of representation and elements, types of electoral systems and their effects
3. Models of electoral behavior analysis
4. Determinants of electoral behavior: socio-economic position, identities and values, contextual factors
5. Research methods in electoral behaviour

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

In lecture sessions the teacher will explain the main foundations of each unit. Some resources could be assigned to students in order to prepare the course. Work in seminar sessions will deal with comparing and analyzing cases suggested by the lecturer. Some sessions will be developed in the computing laboratories. The lecturer will suggest the resources and references to be used by the students prior to each seminar sesión. Those resources will be written both in Spanish and English.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

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

Final exam: 50% of the final grade. The reading materials will be part of the content for the exam. Students will have to obtain at least a score of 5 in the final exam in order to pass the course.

Essays and case studies to be submitted in due time: 50% of the final grade. Students will have to obtain at least a score of 5 on average in the continuous assessments in order to pass the course.

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