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## Contemporary social and economic history

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Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department Coordinating teacher: CARMONA PIDAL, JUAN ANTONIO

Type: Basic Core ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: 1 Semester: 2

Branch of knowledge: Social Sciences and Law

#### **OBJECTIVES**

#### competences:

- identify the dynamics of economic, demographic and social long-term outcomes associated with modern economic growth
- relate these historical dynamics with their own analytical categories of sociology as modernization, urbanization, secularization
- correct use of basic economic concepts (such as productivity, convergence, structural change, integration, globalization, income distribution)
- correct interpretation of demographic indicators (fertility rates, mortality, fertility) and socio-economic indicators (growth rate, GDP per capita and per hour worked, unemployment, Lorenz curve, Gini coefficient) related to the topics covered in the course.

## Skills:

- basic skills related to the analysis of texts, the collection and processing of information, accuracy in the use of analytical concepts, clarity in establishing causal connections between phenomena:
- advanced skills related to the comparison of texts, estimation and quantitative indicators, the drafting of complex text as academic and scientific criteria:
- skills related to public presentation of the results of their work.

# **DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME**

- 1) Economic growth in the long run.
- 2) Institutions, markets and economic growth
- 3) The malthusian economy.
- 4) The Atlantic economy
- 5) The English Industrial Revolution
- 6) Labour organization and conflicts
- 7) The First Globalization and migrations.
- 8) The modern firm
- 10) The international economy in the interwar period.
- 11) The Second Globalization
- 12) The golden era

## LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

The knowledge skills and attitudes will be acquired by students through:

- "Lectures, for the presentation of the analytical concepts and historical features of the agenda items;
- -resolution of periodic tasks by students, designed to deepen the analytical and historical content through required readings and databases;
- -writing three essays.

Students will receive three sets of educational materials including:

- a) theory material (PowerPoint presentations of lectures, required readings, databases)
- b) tasks to be performed weekly, consistent analytical questions well in control of the required readings or in the estimation of simple quantitative indicators. The tasks will be performed in pairs (with the aim of building capacity to work in teams) will be submitted in writing to the teacher and discussed in class.
- c) a list of topics for writing the final essay. In addition to delivering in writing test, students presented publicly the main conclusions of his work is also making presentations in class together.

## **ASSESSMENT SYSTEM**

- two short essays (10%)
- long essays + presentation (20%)
- homeworks, 10%
- two short assesments (10%)
- -. Final exam (50%

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

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