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Political theory and problems contemporary

Academic Year: (2019 / 2020) Review date: 06-05-2020

Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

Coordinating teacher: LOSADA MAESTRE, ROBERTO

Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: 3 Semester: 1

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

UNIT I: REPUBLICANISM Origins and Development Central themes Relevant thinkers

UNIT II: COMMUNITARIANISM Origins and Development Central themes Relevant thinkers

UNIT III: MULTICULTURALISM Origins and Development Central themes Relevant thinkers

UNIT IV: FEMINISM
Origins and Development
Central themes
Relevant thinkers

UNIT V: ECOLOGISM Origins and Development Central themes Relevant thinkers

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

The course includes both plenary lectures and practical sessions

A main aim of the course is to get students involved in the learning process, offering the basic tools in order to reasoning and debating the topics and readings of the subject program

Students will be encouraged to compare the different ideologies and authors presented throughout the plenary lectures.

Researching skills will be developed through the depth study of one particular ideology. By the end of the course, stutents must be capable of:

- a) Finding its roots
- b) Indentifying its main authors and point out in what ideas they agree/differ
- c) Giving examples of its presence in concrete political phenomena

Once the research is finished, studets must defense firmly their choose, and prove that they know the main differences whith the rest of the ideologies included in the program

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Final exam (50% of the final grade). Students are expected to get, at least, a 50% in the exam to pass the Overall Assessment. A mid-term exam could eventually be proposed

Continuous assessment activities (50% of the final grade) could include obligatory readings, final version and public defense of the group project, individual interventions along the sessions.

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