

Academic Year: (2020 / 2021)

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Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

Coordinating teacher: ORRIOLS GALVE, LLUIS

Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 5 Semester : 1

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

History of the Contemporary Electoral and Political Processes
 Actors and Political Behaviour I
 Actors and Political Behaviour II

OBJECTIVES

- Knowing and being able to analyze the different conceptions and models of political representation, in its theoretical foundations, dimensions and roles.
- Knowing and being able to analyze the electoral systems, both in its elements, functioning and political consequences.
- Knowing and being able to analyze the main variables and patterns of electoral behavior.
- Knowing and being able to use the analytical frameworks to analyze the electoral behavior.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

- Unit 1. Democracy and political representation: theoretical foundation, dimensions and representational roles. Measuring empirically political representation models.
- Unit 2. Electoral systems: objectives and elements.
- Unit 3. The political consequences of electoral systems. Types of electoral systems.
- Unit 4. The electoral process and its functions.
- Unit 5. The analysis of the vote: cleavages and predispositions. Cleavage voting and issue voting. Change and continuity in electoral behavior. The dimensions of the vote.

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 session. Those resources will be written both in Spanish and English.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

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.

Research paper to be submitted in due time: 50% of the final grade. Students will have to obtain at least a score of 5 in the research paper in order to pass the course.

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

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

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