

Academic Year: (2020 / 2021)

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Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

Coordinating teacher: RICHARDS , ANDREW JOHN

Type: Electives ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 2 Semester : 1

OBJECTIVES

Basic Competences

CB6 To possess and understand knowledge that provides a base or opportunity for being original in the development and/or application of ideas in a research context

General competences

CG1 Capacity to understand the principal factors in geopolitical and strategic analysis

CG3 Capacity to understand and analyse national and international conflicts that have a territorial basis and to propose strategies and political instruments able to contribute to their resolution

CG5 Capacity to demonstrate a critical sense of one's own analytical arguments as well as those of others

CG6 Capacity to plan and complete in an autonomous way research in the field of geopolitics and strategic studies

Specific competences:

CE8 Capacity to understand the principal geopolitical problems and challenges in the contemporary world and to identify the risks and threats most relevant for national and international security, as well as analysing and proposing solutions and instruments to combatting them.

Learning results:

Capacity to understand and analyse some of the principal current global geopolitical conflicts, problems and challenges.

Capacity to seek, select and synthesize diverse and relevant sources of information about current geopolitical issues and to evaluate them critically.

Capacity to present information, orally and in written form, about the geopolitical questions studied.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

The Seminar focuses on the trajectory, strategies and dilemmas of the principal protagonists of the Cold War (USA, Russia, Europe and China) in the post-Cold War era. The Seminar is framed so as to emphasize the way in which relations between these countries and regions have evolved, and continue to evolve, over the last three decades.

The Seminar is structured as follows:

Introduction (3 hours)

Europe as an Actor in the Post Cold War world / Current Challenges of European Foreign Policy (12 hours)

Russia's Strategic Dilemmas in the Post-Soviet Era (12 hours)

The Rise of China / China's 21st Century Challenge to the 20th Century World Order (12 hours)

Conclusions (3 hours)

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

In-class participation and one presentation: 25%

Written research paper on contemporary topic: 75%

% end-of-term-examination:	75
% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):	25

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