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# Spanish Political System

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: 3 Semester: 1

## REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

High proficiency certificate or accredited level in English language. This course when taught in English is basically addressed to Erasmus and exchange students with a basic knowledge of Spanish politics and government and of contemporary Spanish History.

- Political Actors
- Political Behaviour

#### **OBJECTIVES**

Instrumental knowledge of:

- The stages and actors of the Spanish political transition and democratic consolidation.
- The prevailing values and major fractures in the Spanish political culture.
- The articulation and political consequences of electoral systems used in Spain .
- The political and progressive transformation of the state of autonomous complexity. Spanish political

#### **DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME**

- 1. The process of political transition and consolidation of Spanish democracy. His political actors.
- 2. The political culture in Spain.
- 3. The Spanish electoral systems and their political consequences.
- 4. The political framework of the state of autonomous and transformation.

### LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

- Conventional classes (50 % of the schedule )
- Specific analysis in reduced groups (50 % of the schedule )
- Tutoring schedule set for that purpose

# ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- Assessment of the student's participation in presentations and projects associated with the specific analysis carried in the small groups (50 % of the final grade ).
- Assessment of a final written exam (50 % of the final grade). Although, to pass the course the student must in any case obtain more than 3.5 out of 10 rating.

% weight of end-of-term-examination: 50

% weight of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory and practical cases): 50

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% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 50

## **BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- Gunther, R, Montero, J.R., Botella, J. Democracy in Modern Spain, Yale University Press, 2004
- Maravall, J.M. y Santamaría, J. Political change in Spain and the prospects for democracy (en O`Donnell, Schmitter and Whitehead, "Transitions from Authoritarian Rule"), The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1985
- Reniu, J.M. (edi.), Ruiz Martínez, F.J. et al Sistema Político Español, Huygens Editorial, 2012
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