Topics in Spanish Politics

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Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 3 Semester : 2

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

High proficiency certificated 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 goverment as well as the contemporary Spanish History.
- Political Actors
- Political Behaviour

OBJECTIVES

1. Instrumental knowledge of :
- The evolution of the Spanish political scene and its interpretative key.
- The map of partisan and nonpartisan actors existing in the Spanish political system
- The structure and dynamics of party systems in Spain.
2. Domain of the main sources of information on political parties.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

1. Important moments of Spanish political process.
2. The party systems in Spain and its transformations.
3. Partisan actors in the Spanish political system.
4. Actors nonpartisan in the Spanish political system.

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). Reduced Group assistance is required.

- 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.

% end-of-term-examination:	50
% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals…):	50

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