REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)
Introduction to Global Geopolitics; Methods and techniques of geopolitical and strategic analysis.

OBJECTIVES
In addition to the general competences, common to other subjects of the Master's Program, this course aims in particular to provide students with the ability to understand and analyze the most important geopolitical and geostrategic elements and themes of the Americas. The most relevant specific learning outcomes of the subject include:

- The ability to interrelate and synoptically understand the different elements and geopolitical and geostrategic phenomena specific to the entire American continent.
- An understanding of the main political, social, demographic, economic, and cultural trends that are transforming the Americas.
- The ability to apply theories and methodologies of regional analysis of a general or systematic nature to the understanding of the spaces and dynamics under study.
- The ability to situate and relate the geopolitical and geostrategic dynamics of the Americas with the global geopolitical architecture.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

Topic 1. Introduction to the Americas: contemporary concept, historical evolution, and geopolitics. The two Americas: North America (Canada, USA and Mexico) and Latin America (Central America, Caribbean and Southern Cone).

Topic 2. The geographic and territorial dimension of North America: implications of a regional and geopolitical nature.


Topic 5. USA as a global superpower and of the Americas. Social, demographic, political and economic transformations of the United States under the Trump Administration.

Topic 6. Projection and strategy of the USA for the two Americas. The external projection of Canada and Mexico in Central America, the Caribbean and the Southern Cone.


Topic 8. Contemporary Latin American political and geopolitical geography.


Topic 10. The organization of contemporary space in Latin America

Topic 11. Space, power, movements and communities
LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY
The subject combines theoretical and practical aspects. The lecture sessions present the essential theoretical aspects of the course, while the practical activities will focus on the discussion of selected materials, the realization of exercises related to topics exposed by the professors, as well as individual or group presentations. In addition, the completion of a final work will allow students to apply the theoretical-methodological content of the subject to the analysis of specific geopolitical issues of the Americas.

Tutorials will be carried out through the procedures established by the university.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM
- Class participation: 20 % of the final grade
- Continuous assessment assignments: 30% of the final grade
- Final paper: 50% of the final grade.

% end-of-term-examination: 0
% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals...): 100

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