

Academic Year: (2021 / 2022)

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Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 1 Semester : 1

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

There are no prerequisites for this class.

OBJECTIVES

Competences and skills

Skills related to the development of analytical and critical thinking.

Communication and writing skills to be applied in individual and group assignments as well as exams.

Public speaking and presentation skills.

Interpersonal skills such as the ability to work in teams and role play.

Ability to link theoretical analysis to the evolution, processes, structures, problems and challenges prevalent in the contemporary global economy.

Learning Results

Ability to understand, use and rigorously apply the fundamental concepts of geopolitical and strategic studies.

Ability to understand, use and rigorously apply the main theoretical frameworks formulated recently to explain the structure and functioning of global geopolitics in the context of globalization.

Ability to analyze the economic power of major countries along with alliances, initiatives and ongoing rivalries at the global and regional level.

Ability to understand and analyze the major conflicts, risks and threats related to international security.

Ability to understand and analyze the geo-economic dimensions and consequences of globalization, and in particular the interests and spatial strategies of the main international geo-economic actors and the rivalries and risks derived from such interests and strategies.

Ability to understand and analyze the causes and explanatory factors of inequalities of wealth and development at international level, as well as their geopolitical implications.

Ability to understand and critically analyze policies implemented at international level to fight against poverty and to cooperate in development

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

Introduction to geoeconomics

- o Definition of geoeconomics
- o Areas of study in and tools of geoeconomics

Economic globalization, its central forces (trade, capital flows and labor mobility) and spatial consequences

- o A world of complex networks,
- o The rise of (interconnected) cities,
- o The rise of emerging countries and multipolarity.

Global economic actors, their spatial interests and strategies.

- o States and their increasing role in current geoeconomics
- o Transnational corporations
- o International organizations and global governance institutions
- o Regional and supranational organizations.

Cooperation, rivalry and economic wars in the context of globalization.
Emerging "trade wars" and their probable outcomes

Geography of uneven development and its economic and political implications

- o Increasing divide: juxtaposition of poverty and wealth,
- o Exacerbating inequalities across the globe.

Geopolitics of development cooperation and fight against poverty.

- o Complex interactions between development cooperation and economic and geostrategic interests
- o Impact and effectiveness of development cooperation

Financial globalization and its diverse consequences

- o Limits and threats on state sovereignty
- o Financialization and the pressing phenomenon of inequality
- o Tax heavens

A brief geoeconomic analysis of Spain and the European Union.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Learning Activities

- o Lectures
- o Sections/ practical classes
- o Classes which combine theory and practice
- o Office hours
- o Team work/ assignments
- o Individual assignments

Teaching Methodology

This course consists of lectures and a number of activities which will be carried out by the students. In general, classes are designed in a manner to promote students' active participation and critical thinking. Therefore, it is essential that they come to class prepared to discuss the readings assigned for that particular session. There will be several activities such as teamwork, presentations, class and small group discussions and debates in designated sessions. It is highly recommended to keep up-to-date about ongoing events in global economy and geopolitical issues. Checking web-sources along with the respective sections of the major journals and newspapers will help students go over geoeconomics-related news and commentaries.

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

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

The course grade will be determined through continuous evaluation (whose relative weight will be 60%) and the final research paper (whose relative weight will be 40%). It will be calculated as follows (based on specific assignments):

Class participation	10%
Group presentations	30%
Group paper	20%
Final paper (individual)	40%

% end-of-term-examination: 40

% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 60

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- . Corporaciones multinacionales: <http://www.unctad.org> World Investment Directory, OECD Foreign Direct Investment Statistics, US Direct Investment Abroad, Foreign Direct Investment in the US, ILO: Corporate Codes of Conduct Amnesty: Responsibilities for Corporations, Corporate Register " type="Reference"
- . Issues and debates in international trade: <https://www.wto.org>, <http://www.cato.org/>, <http://www.shrimpalliance.com/tag/citac/>, <https://www.weforum.org/>
- . Data and debates on inequality: <http://utip.gov.utexas.edu/>