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Public policy and governance I

Academic Year: (2022 / 2023) Review date: 13-05-2022

Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

Coordinating teacher: NATERA PERAL, ANTONIO

Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: 3 Semester: 2

OBJECTIVES

- Handle accurately the concepts relating to the structures and administrative actors.
- Know strategies and instruments for improvement and innovation in public management.
- Understand basic elements that make up public organizations design and structuration.
- Understand power, conflict and political management in administrative settings.
- Perceive organizational culture and public values role on the behavior of political-administrative actors.
- Notice transition from a bureaucratic model to a managerial one, and from the latter to the governance model in contemporary changes in policy and public management
- Know the Spanish administrative system by contrasting it with other public sector models and comparative administrative systems.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

- 1. Political System and Public Administration.
- 2. The evolution of public management. Bureaucratic model, gerencialism, and public governance.
- 3. Key factors in designing administrative structures. Spanish administrative system as an example of structural complexity.
- 4. Strategies and instruments for the improvement of public management. Excellence and quality management models in public services. Motivation in public sector. Dimentions of Public Innovation.
- 5. Conflict, interests and power networks in public administrations. Political power and bureaucratic power. Public managers as political managers. Leadership in public sector.
- 6. Public values and organizational culture. Culture and organizational change.
- 7. Public sector models and comparative public management.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Text analysis, case studies, individual or in-group research papers and/or oral presentations, short essays, in-class debates, etc.

Tutorial sessions: individual on the established schedule.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- Final paper, presentations, or other formation activities: 20% of grade.
- Exam (week 9): 30% of grade. Student must obtain in exam a minimum score of one third of its value to be considered.
- End-of-term exam: 50% of grade. Student must pass the exam to add continuosus assessment note.

% end-of-term-examination: 50 % of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 50

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