Current Politics of Spain

Academic Year: (2022 / 2023) **Review date: 02-01-2023**

Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 4 Semester : 1

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Knowledge of the contemporary history of Spain.

OBJECTIVES

Knowledge of the institutional framework and the development of the different political stages in Spain, as well as of party and electoral dynamics in Spain, from the Transition up to the current period.

Acquisition of a global understanding of the major processes of political change in Spain in historical perspective, as well as of the parliamentary models, party systems and intervening agents in Spanish politics.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

General analysis of the political history of Spain, from the Transition to the present moment.

The institutional framework of Spain. The Constitution. The territorial and parliamentary model: advantages and disadvantages.

The electoral system and analysis of electoral processes. The party system in Spain and its transformations.

Political evolution in Spain: from bipartisanship to fragmentation. Polarization; corruption; populism.

Party and non-party actors and their modes of intervention in Spanish politics.

Spain in the European Union.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Af1. THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL CLASSES. In these, the information that students must acquire will be presented. Students will receive class notes and have basic reference texts with which to follow the classes and develop subsequent work. Exercises and practical problems will be resolved by the student. and workshops and evaluation tests will be held in order to acquire the necessary skills.
AF2. TUTORIALS. Individual attendance (individua tutorials) or in groups (collective tutorials) will be provided for the students by the professor.
AF3. INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP WORK BY THE STUDENT.
MD1. THEORETICAL CLASS. Presentations in class by the professor with the aid of informational and audiovisual media, in which the basic concepts of the material are developed and in which the material and bibliography with which to complete the learning of the students are provided.

MD2. PRACTICAL SESSIONS. Resolution of practical cases and problems etc. introduced by the professor either individually or in group.
MD3. TUTORIALS. Indivividual attendance (individual tutorials) or in group (collective tutorials) provided for the students by the professor.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

SE1. FINAL EXAM. In which the overall knowledge and capacities acquired during the course are evaluated.
SE2. CONTINUOUS EVALUATION. In which presentations, participation in debate, class exhibitions, exercises and workshops during the course are evaluated.

Attendance to the tutorial sessions is obligatory and accounts for 40% of the overall grade via five indivdual or group assigments.

The lecture sessions will be evaluated with a final exam which accounts for 60% of the overall grade.

% end-of-term-examination:	60
% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals…):	40

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