

Academic Year: (2023 / 2024)

Review date: 15-05-2018

Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

Coordinating teacher: FERNANDEZ GARCIA, EVA

Type: Electives ECTS Credits : 3.0

Year : 1 Semester : 2

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Tools of statistics and econometrics.

OBJECTIVES

- Advanced understanding of the academic literature on the historical roots of divergence in development
- Learn about demographic processes, human capital measures and determinants of human capital formation, migration patterns, colonialism, pre-colonial institutions, slavery and other topics
- Ability to write short essays using the basic rules of scientific works
- Capacity to debate and question opinions with academic rigour
- Ability to work in teams
- Practice giving academic presentations

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

Topic 1 Demography, human capital and growth

1. Population change
2. Human capital
3. Migration

Topic 2 Pre-colonial institutions and slavery

1. Pre-Colonial institutions: Africa
2. Pre-Colonial institutions: Latin America and Asia
3. Slavery

Topic 3 Colonialism

1. The legacy of colonialism: colonial rule and investments
2. The legacy of colonialism: education
3. The legacy of colonialism: land, labor and inequality

Topic 4 Environment

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

The module is based on 11 sessions of 2 hours each. Sessions will include both lectures and discussions of the most relevant articles.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Continuous evaluation (includes active participation in discussions and presentation of an academic article, as well as a group assignment): 50 percent

Exam: 50 percent

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