

Academic Year: ( 2023 / 2024 )

Review date: 28-01-2024

Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

Coordinating teacher: HIDALGO TRENADO, MANUEL

Type: Basic Core ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 2 Semester : 2

Branch of knowledge: Social Sciences and Law

**REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)**

- History of the Contemporary World
- Introduction to Politics

**DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME**

The course is divided into the following topics:

1. Main theories and approaches to international relations
  - Classic approaches
  - Realism
  - Liberalism
  - Neo-realism and neo-liberalism
  - Marxist theories
  - Social constructivism
  - Other approaches
2. From the international system to the globalized world
  - Evolution of international society
  - Processes of recent decades
  - Key features of the new world order
3. The international system
  - Types of actors
  - Structure of the international system
  - Dynamics of cooperation and conflict
4. Problems, dynamics and challenges on the international agenda
  - Crisis of world governance
  - The emergence of the BRIC countries
  - Global terrorism
  - Nuclear proliferation
  - Globalization and the international economic system
  - Environmental change and international relations
  - Power and Information society
  - Other

**LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY**

Lectures given by the teacher and activities done by students who will test the knowledge acquired and develop their skills.

The training activities aim to involve students in the learning process. To this end, the teacher will provide basic knowledge and tools needed to strengthen their analytical ability and encourage their critical spirit. In this regard, the reading of selected materials, viewing of documentaries and films, and essays written by students will be fundamental. Likewise, the professor will encourage discussions on current topics, presentations and role play so that students expand their communication and interpersonal skills.

6 ECTS credits, 150 hours approximately.  
 Lectures and other activities in class: 42 hours  
 Study of the subject by the student: 56 hours  
 Preparation of presentations and essays by students: 42 hours  
 Make-up classes, office hours, hand-in of papers, etc.: 8 hours  
 Exam: 2 hours

## ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Final grades will be computed according the following weigths:

- Class Participation and presentations	15%
- Take home paper	50%
- In-Class Final Exam	35%

Final Exam must be passed to pass the course.

Extraordinary call:

a) Students who have followed the continuous assessment system: 65% said assessment and 35% the exam on the content of the subject. Passing the exam is required to pass the course.

<b>% end-of-term-examination:</b>	35
<b>% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals...):</b>	65

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