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Topics in international politics

Academic Year: (2023 / 2024) Review date: 02-05-2023

Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

Coordinating teacher: HIDALGO TRENADO, MANUEL

Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: 3 Semester: 1

Branch of knowledge: Social Sciences and Law

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Comparative Politics, World Politics, Statistics for Social Sciences, Multidisciplinary Research Design in Social Sciences.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

This is an advanced class on international politics in which several topics with practical examples will be presented, discussed and analyzed from a political science point of view, but integrating of with views of adjacent fields in social sciences and humanities.

The objective of the course is to provide students with adequate instruments for the theoretical and empirical analysis of structures, processes and outcomes in international politics, integrating the national and the international level, and therefore such cases will be studied in great depth, and the standard analytical instruments of political science to study them will be trained and contrasted with the methodologies of adjacent fields.

This includes practical research by the students themselves: engagement with existing literature and results, formulating research questions, hypotheses, gathering empirical information, sorting it, analyzing and interpreting it. Presentation and discussion of results in oral and written form.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Lectures:

In the lectures we will discuss the readings and the critical evidence needed to test the main theories.

Reduced lectures:

Each week we will have presentations, debates based on the readings and discussions of the essays. Students will have to participate actively in class.

The tutorials will be face-to-face at a fixed time; also by appointment. Additionally, the student may make inquiries via email.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Final Exam 40% Research Paper 25% Presentation 15% Class participation 20%

It is necessary to obtain a minimum grade of 3.5 out of 5 in the final exam to pass the subject.

Extraordinary call:

- a) Students who have followed the continuous assessment system: 60% said assessment and 40% the exam on the content of the subject. It is necessary to obtain a grade of 3.5 out of 5 in the final exam.
- b) Students who have not followed the continuous evaluation, or if it is more favorable to them: 100% exam on the content of the course

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