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Politics and Society

Academic Year: (2023 / 2024) Review date: 22-05-2023

Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

Coordinating teacher: VEIRA RAMOS, ALBERTO

Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: 3 Semester: 1

OBJECTIVES

GENERAL:

Provide at the student a level of basic knowledge about the socio-political structure of societies.

Applicate theoretical and practical knowledge to the field of study.

Facilitate reflection, analysis and discussion of socio-political issues.

SPECIFIC:

Introduce the main concepts and theoretical debates of sociopolitical analysis.

Familiarize the student with the political-institutional configurations of contemporary societies.

Explain causal mechanisms that mediate relations between society and politics.

Identify and understand empirical analysis models.

Develop the skills of understanding, interpretation, presentation and argumentation.

Stimulate debate and critical opinion.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

Society, politics and power

Political structure

Politics in the state: constitutive elements, institutions, forms of government

Citizenship and political culture

Political actors

Politics as a result

Policy challenges today

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Theory (4ECTS). Theory classes with materials available in Aula Global.

Practices (2ECTS). Videos, case studies, best practices and presentations.

Group tutorials to solve problems, doubts, etc.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

The assessment system is set according to different educational strategies used and is based on the following criteria and activities:

- Final exam.
- Theoretical and practical activities (individual or group level).
- Participation in classroom.

% end-of-term-examination:

% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 60

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- Sádaba, I. Acción colectiva y movimientos sociales en las redes digitales. Aspectos históricos y metodológicos,
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