# uc3m Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

## Research Approaches and Theories in Political Science

Academic Year: (2023 / 2024) Review date: 26-04-2023

Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department Coordinating teacher: GARMENDIA MADARIAGA, AMUITZ

Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: 2 Semester: 2

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- Understanding of the main approaches, theories and models of contemporary political analysis.
- Ability to link theoretical issues of contemporary politics with the empirical factors and the dynamics of political systems.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME**

- 1. Brief introduction to Political Science.
- 2. Research paradigms and explanations models in Political Science.
- 3. Normative theory.
- 4. Behaviorism.
- 5. Rational choice theory.
- 6. System Analysis and functionalism.
- 7. Institutionalism
- 8. New institutionalism.
- 9. Pluralism
- 10. Feminist theory.

## LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Teaching time is distributed according to the following training activities:

- Lectures on the development of theoretical contents: 50 per 100 of the course time.
- Practical sessions aimed at implementing theoretical concepts through practical exercises: 50 per 100 of the course time.

# ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- Final exam on the syllabus contents and the basic readings: 50% of the final grade.
- Continuous assessment: 50% of the final grade.
  - + Partial exam on main contents: 35% of the final grade.
  - + Participation in practical sessions: 15% of the final mark.

The student must pass the exam to pass the subject. In case of an insufficient qualification, the student will have the possibility to take the extraordinary exam, on the date designated by the University. In this call, the note of the continuous evaluation process is saved in the event that the student had followed it. If she did not follow it, her grade will account for the 100% of her final grade.

% end-of-term-examination: 50

% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 50

### **BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- Badia, Miguel Caminal Manual de Ciencia Política, Tecnos, 1996
- Marsh, D.; Stoker, G. (eds.), Theory and Methods in Political Science, 4rd ed.,, Palgrave Macmillan, 2017., Hay ediciones previas en español
- VVAA Diez textos básicos de Ciencia Política, Ariel, 2014
- Vallès, Josep. M Ciencia Política. Una introducción., Ariel, 2007

## ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Díaz, Esther Metodología de las Ciencias Sociales, Biblos, 2010
- Guy, Peters El nuevo institucionalismo:teoría institucional en Ciencia Política, Gedisa, 2003
- Hall, P. y R. Taylor, "Political Science and the Three New Institutionalisms",, en K. Sottan, E. Uslaner y V. Haufler (eds.), Institutions and Social Order, The University of Michigan Press,, 1998.
- Nohlen, Dieter ¿Cómo estudiar ciencia política? Una introducción en trece lecciones, Fondo Editorial, 2011
- Sartori, G. La política. Lógica y método de las ciencias sociales, Fondo de Cultura Económica, 1995