

Academic Year: (2023 / 2024)

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Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 3.0

Year : 1 Semester : 2

OBJECTIVES

- Comprehension of the importance of production processes and energy consumption in the economics carbon intensity
- Knowledge of the role of the production processes and energy consumption in the transition to decarbonized energetic systems.
- Comprehension of the main determinants of climate change mitigation related to the production and use of energy (technologic and behavioural factors) as well as the methods for its identification.
- Knowledge of the role and relevance that different energetic technologies can play in the climate change mitigation, with special thoughtfulness on electric generation technologies and, within these, renewable technologies.
- Grasp of fundamental concepts of the economy of renewable energies that allow students to identify its benefits and costs in the context of the decarbonized energetic transition.
- Profound knowledge of the public policies that support the decarbonized energetic transition, with emphasis on the promotion of energetic efficiency and renewable technologies in the electric generation system.
- Ability to compare policies and instruments to detect their advantages, inconveniences, and applicability in different contexts.
- Comprehension of the functioning of institutions and global governance mechanisms related to the energetic transition.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

- The energy transition and climate change: the contribution of energy to climate change and climate change mitigation.
- Use and production of energy: the role of technological and behavioral change in climate mitigation.
- Renewable energy technologies. The costs and benefits of renewable energy in the perspective of climate mitigation.
- Policies for the energy transition and climate change mitigation.
- International and supranational institutions tackling climate change and energy transitions, their varying platforms, agreements and strategies, principles and challenges of global governance in this context.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

- Theoretical classes
- Theoretical-practical classes
- Group assignment

- Individual assignment
- Partial and final exams

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- Class participation
- Individual or group presentations.
- Individual or group assignments done throughout the course.
- Discussions.
- Final exam.

% end-of-term-examination:	40
% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):	60

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