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Political Philosophy and Good Government

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Department assigned to the subject: International Law, Ecclesiastical Law and Philosophy of Law Department

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Type: Electives ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: Semester:

OBJECTIVES

LEARNING OUTCOMES OF THE DEGREE

RA1. Have acquired advanced knowledge and demonstrated an understanding of the theoretical and practical aspects and working methodology in the field of International Studies to a depth that reaches the cutting edge of knowledge. RA2. Be able, through self-developed and self-supported arguments or procedures, to apply their knowledge, understanding and problem-solving skills in complex or professional and specialised areas of work that require the use of creative and innovative ideas.

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RA5.Be able to communicate knowledge, methodologies, ideas, problems and solutions in the field of International Studies clearly and accurately to all types of audiences (specialised and non-specialised).

RA6.Be able to identify their own training needs in their field of study and work or professional environment and to organise their own learning with a high degree of autonomy in all types of contexts (structured or not).

5.5.1.5 COMPETENCES

5.5.1.5.1.5.1 BASIC AND GENERAL COMPETENCES

- GC2 Be able to approach and analyse the values inherent to equal opportunities, multiculturalism, political, ideological and cultural pluralism, and Human Rights in international society.
- GC1 Knowing the economic, legal, political and social reality from a comparative perspective.
- GC6 Being able to apply the scientific method to the social, political and economic questions posed by globalised society; as well as to pose a problem in this field, identifying a possible explanation or solution, and a method to contrast it by carefully interpreting the data.
- GC5 To be able to debate and formulate critical reasoning, using precise terminology and specialised resources, on international and global phenomena, using both the concepts and knowledge of the different disciplines and the methodologies of analysis, paradigms and concepts of the Social Sciences.
- CB1 That students have demonstrated knowledge and understanding in an area of study that starts from the basis of general secondary education, and is usually at a level that, while relying on advanced textbooks, also includes some aspects that involve knowledge from the cutting edge of their field of study.
- CB2 Students are able to apply their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional manner and possess the competences usually demonstrated through the development and defence of arguments and problem solving within their field of study.
- CB3 Students have the ability to gather and interpret relevant data (usually within their field of study) in order to make judgements which include reflection on relevant social, scientific or ethical issues.
- CB4 Students are able to communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.
- CB5 That students have developed those learning skills necessary to undertake further study with a high degree of autonomy.

5.5.1.5.2 TRANSVERSAL SKILLS

CT1 - Ability to communicate knowledge orally and in writing to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.

- CT2 Ability to establish good interpersonal communication and to work in multidisciplinary and international teams.
- TC3 Ability to organise and plan their work, making the right decisions based on the information available, gathering and interpreting relevant data to make judgements within their area of study.
- CT4 Motivation and ability to engage in lifelong autonomous learning, enabling them to adapt to new situations.

5.5.1.5.3 SPECIFIC

- SC1 Know the main political and sociological theories. Know how to analyse and compare the structure and functioning of the main socio-political systems.
- SC2 Knowing and understanding the processes of political, social, economic and cultural change in contemporary society and politics.
- SC3 Knowing the system of sources of Law.
- SC4 Knowing the model of public freedoms and fundamental rights in Spanish and international legal systems.
- SC5 Knowing the main models of territorial, political, economic and social organisation of states.
- SC7 Understand the main consequences and dynamics generated by inequality, and know the principles on which equality policies are based.
- SC10 Understand the differentiating elements of international problems according to the degree of development of a country.
- SC11 Knowing how to critically relate current and past events and processes.
- SC12 Knowing how to pose and solve basic problems of economic, social and political content in the international context.
- SC14 Knowing how to design and evaluate viable and sustainable political and socio-economic programmes aimed at social improvement.
- SC16 Knowing how to carry out case studies and apply the comparative method to analyse institutions, processes and policies in different countries.
- .-Knowing and understanding the role of law, ethics and deontology in regulating different societies and phenomena such as corruption.
- .-Knowing and understanding the legal approach to conflict resolution.
- .- Approaching a comparative approach to the different legal systems and legal tools when dealing with the phenomenon of corruption.
- .-Knowing how to critically analyse positive law and legal institutions in different contexts and be able to make lege ferenda proposals.
- .-Knowing how to argue for and against controversial issues.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

5.5.1.4 OBSERVATIONS

Students taking this subject also acquire the following competences:

CO4 Ability to write, understand and interpret legal texts.

CO5 Ability to select, analyse and synthesise legal information, as well as to argue legally.

CO6 Understanding the importance of Law as a regulatory system for social relations at both national and international level.

CO7 Ability to use constitutional principles and values as a working tool in the interpretation of the legal system.

CO8 Ability to understand the basic principles of politics and international relations.

CO12 Understanding of the importance of geographical location in international conflicts and tensions.

- .- Knowledge of legal institutions to regulate corruption. Analysis of ethical and deontological approaches to corruption.
- .- Applied knowledge to understand institutional designs for good governance, with a focus on accountability, transparency and the division of powers.
- .- Knowledge of a comparative approach to the treatment of the fight against corruption in different countries and frameworks - European, international.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

- 1.- Concept of Politics and Good Government
- 2.- Ethics and politics
- 3.- Liberalism, paternalism, perfectionism

- 4.- Theories of Justice (i)
- 5.- Theories of justice (II)
- 6.- Cultural pluralism and minority rights
- 7.- Corruption, ethics and deontology
- 8.- Bribery, prevarication, influence peddling and embezzlement
- 9.- Rule of Law and judicial corruption
- 10.- Democracy and legislation on political financing
- 11.- Legal regulation on clientelism and lobbies
- 12.- Good governance and accountability: institutional aspects
- 13.- Transparency and Public Information Law

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

- 1.- Lectures: Lesson subject matter will be explained in a general way, with special emphasis being placed on particularly complex ideas
- 2.- Practice sessions: Consolidation of the knowledge gained in the lectures through the application of practical cases studies, problem solving and text commentaries, etc.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- 1.- Lectures (see course schedule): Lesson subject matter will be explained in a general way, with special emphasis being placed on particularly complex ideas
- 2.- Practical classes (see course schedule): Consolidation of the knowledge gained in the lectures through the application of practical cases studies, problem solving and text commentaries, etc.

On-going assessment will have a 50% weighting on the final grade and will take place over the course of the academic year. At the start of the course, individual lecturers will set out the content of the course and the marking system that will be used to grade students work.

The final course mark will be based both on the grade achieved in the final examination and the marks from the ongoing assessments carried out. The final examination will have a 50% weighting in the overall course mark.

The minimum pass mark for this final examination is 3/10.

In the extraordinary call, if the continuous assessment favours the student and it will count with the same percentage and grade as in the ordinary call. If not, it will count the June exam grade at 100%

% end-of-term-examination:	50
% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals):	50

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

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