

Academic Year: (2024 / 2025)

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Department assigned to the subject: Humanities: History, Geography and Art Department

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Type: Electives ECTS Credits : 3.0

Year : 1 Semester : 2

OBJECTIVES

- To understand the main concepts, theories and approaches related to the study of borders, nationalism and territorial identities and their importance in geopolitical processes.
- To understand methodologies for the analysis of the role played by borders, nationalism and territorial identities in geopolitical processes.
- To understand and analyze the main conflicts, problems and current geopolitical challenges linked to borders, nationalism and territorial identities.
- To search, select and synthesize diverse sources of information on the subjects of the subject, as well as to assess them critically.
- To understand and prepare reports of geopolitical and strategic nature, related to borders, nationalism and territorial identities.
- To present information in public about the topics of this subject.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

FIRST PART. GEOPOLITICS OF TERRITORIAL IDEOLOGIES AND IDENTITIES.

Unit 1. Territory, nationalism and identity.

Unit 2. Sovereignty, globalization and de/re-territorialization.

Unit 3. Territorial identities and geopolitical conflicts.

SECOND PART. GEOPOLITICS OF BORDERS

Unit 4. Geopolitics of borders: concepts, themes and approaches.

Unit 5. Border evolution through time. From pre-modern frontiers to modern boundaries.

Unit 6. Towards a walled World? Border control and security policies in the age of globalization.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Learning Activities

- Theoretical classes
- Theoretical and practical classes
- Tutorials
- Student's individual work
- Tests and final examinations

Teaching Methodologies

- Classroom lectures by the teacher with the support of computer and audiovisual media, in which the main concepts of the subject are developed and the bibliography is provided to complement the students' learning.
- Critical reading of texts recommended by the teacher of the subject: press articles, reports, manuals and/or academic articles, either for their later discussion in class, or to extend and consolidate the knowledge of the subject.
- Solving practical cases, problems, etc. raised by the teacher individually or in groups.

- Presentation and discussion in class, under the moderation of the teacher, of topics related to the content of the subject, as well as practical cases.
- Preparation of papers and reports, individually or in groups.

Tutorials will be carried out through the procedures established by the university.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

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

Ordinary call:

The assessment system in the ordinary call will take into account the following criteria:

- Classroom attendance and participation (including in-class presentations and discussions): 25 % of the course grade.
- Individual commentaries of selected texts: 35% of the course grade
- Term paper (in groups): 40% of the course grade.

Extraordinary call: In order to pass the course in the extraordinary call, students must take and pass an exam related to the subject contents.

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

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