COURSE DATA

DATA SUBJECT

Code: 34030
Name: Contemporary universal history 2
Cycle: Undergraduate Studies
ECTS Credits: 6
Academic year: 2025-26

STUDY (S)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1005 - Degree in History	Facultat de Geografia i Història	2	Second quarter, Sin determinar

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1005 - Degree in History	Universal contemporary history	COMPULSORY

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

This course is part of the "Universal Contemporary History" module (12 credits) integrated in unit "Universal History" (66 credits) of the second course of History degree. The course¿s contents are chronologically and thematically related to those of the course "Universal Contemporary History I" from the first term. It includes the study of the main political, social, economic and cultural processes of the 20th century from the world before World War I to the immediate consequences of World War II. Its aim is to offer a general knowledge about contemporary society in such a crucial period in the 20th century.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

There are no specified enrolment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

1005 - Degree in History

Be able to communicate and argue orally and in writing in one's own language using the terminology and techniques of the profession.

Be able to learn autonomously.

Be able to make abstractions, to analyse and to synthesise.

Be able to use information-gathering tools such as bibliographic catalogues, archival inventories and electronic references.

Be aware of the ongoing nature of historical debate and research.

Demonstrate organisational and planning skills.

Have critical and self-critical capacity.

Have critical knowledge of the different historiographic perspectives in the different periods and contexts.

Have detailed knowledge of one or more specific periods of humanity's past.

Have problem-solving skills.

Know European history.

Know universal or world history.

Show critical awareness of the relationship between current events and processes and the past.

Value and respect diversity and multiculturalism.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. War and Revolution

The world before World War I. Background, development and consequences of World War I. The Russian Revolution and its international repercussion.

2. The World in the Interwar Years

From prosperity to the Great Depression. The liberal states crisis and the rise of fascism.

3. Barbarism and Civilisation

Background, development and consequences of World War II. The New World Order.

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Theory	30,00
Other activities	15,00
Classroom practices	15,00
Total hours	**60,00**

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	0,00
Independent study and work	90,00
Preparation of lessons	0,00
Preparation for assessment activities	0,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
Total hours	**90,00**

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

A) Attendance to lectures

1) Lectures (30 hours). Professors will explain in class the key aspects of the module. An extended bibliography will be provided to the students.

2) Practical classes (15 hours). The hands-on training sessions will take place throughout the compulsory lectures. The aim is to help students in improving their reading, analytical and comprehension skills.

3) Attendance to complementary seminars or activities (15 hours) to be assessed with informal writing assignments.

B) Attendance to non-scheduled consultation hours

Students can attend tutorials to resolve doubts about the course

C) Attendance to scheduled consultation hours

Extra consultation hours to be agreed with the lecturer

EVALUATION

1st Attendance to lectures and practical classes (see the Annex of each group).

2nd Complementary attendance to seminars/activities (see the Annex of each group).

3rd Students' theoretical and practical competences will be assessed in a final exam.

Course evaluation criteria in percentages:

a) Written test: final exam: 60%.

b) Reading controls, practices and/or complementary activities: 40%.

The minimum passing grade is 5 out of 10 in the written exam. This mark cut-off in the written exam is mandatory to assess part b.

Second Call Examination:

1) Compulsory written exam (minimum passing grade: 5 out of 10)

2) The practical exercises and individual papers from part b will be valued (see the Annex of each group).

3) The exercises from part c will only be valued if submitted over the entire course.

Excepting Erasmus students, grammar and spelling problems will score negatively on the qualification of all written tests and academic works. Their accumulation may lead to a failing grade in the course.

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