



COURSE DATA

DATA SUBJECT

Code: 34032

Name: Prehistory of the Iberian Peninsula

Cycle: Undergraduate Studies

ECTS Credits: 6

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STUDY (S)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1005 - Degree in History	Facultat de Geografia i Història	3	First quarter
1005 - Degree in History	Facultat de Geografia i Història		First quarter
1902 - Formación para la cualificación específica en Geografía, Historia de España	Facultat de Geografia i Història	1	First quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1005 - Degree in History	Prehistory of the Iberian peninsula	COMPULSORY
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COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

This course aims to deep in the knowledge of prehistoric processes developed in the Iberian Peninsula. Consequently, the objectives can be summarized as:

- Local specificity of the general processes: development of human societies in the past, explanations of its causes and consequences, material culture, economic activities, land use, environmental evolution, artistic, symbolic, etc.
- Recognition of the prehistoric heritage of the Iberian Peninsula: main features, distribution and chronology. Approaching the most significant deposits.
- Methods and dating techniques applied in Prehistory.



- Consultation and management literature and the specific language on the subject

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE

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

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

It is recommended to the students:

- to have studied the subjects of Ancient & Recent Universal Prehistory.
- to have Knowledge as the most frequent office software used such as word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, etc.
- to know how to use the Virtual Classroom platform.
- to know how to find citations in the library of the University of Valencia.

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Ability to work in teams.

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 manage computer and Internet resources and techniques (statistical methods, databases, etc.) when producing historical or history-related data.

Be able to read, analyse and interpret archaeological records.

Be able to read historiographic texts or original documents in another language.

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

Be sensitive to environmental issues.

Demonstrate organisational and planning skills.

Have decision-making capacity.

Have problem-solving skills.

Know and be able to use methods and techniques from other social and human sciences.



Show commitment to the principle of equal opportunities for men and women.

Show creativity.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. History of prehistoric research. Introduction to the economic and social development.

This issue is devoted to the origin and consolidation of prehistoric research in the Iberian Peninsula. Essential concepts also work to the study of human societies.

2. The chronological and paleoclimatic framework along the Quaternary. The first settlement of Iberia.

This issue is devoted to the chronological and environmental sequence of the Quaternary. The second part will focus on the earliest evidence of human presence in the Iberian peninsula.

3. The Middle Palaeolithic

This issue discusses the cultural characteristics of Neanderthals groups and their expansion, paying special attention to the major archaeological sites, exploitation of resources and regional differences. The extinction of Neanderthals will be assessed.

4. The Upper Paleolithic. The end of the hunter-gatherer world.

This theme will focus on the expansion and consolidation of modern humanity in Iberia. It will analyze the contrast between different material cultures and the use of resources with regard to the environment. The origin of symbolic thought: art, personal ornaments and funerary world of Cro-Magnons. Analysis of hunters and gatherers after the Paleolithic stage will also be addressed.

5. The Neolithic.

This topic is aimed at studying the expansion and consolidation of the food producing societies. We will work the chronological and cultural sequence in the various peninsular territories, new technologies, habitat, economic, social and symbolic world.

This theme will focus on technical processes and socio-economic implications of mining and metallurgy



6. The Chalcolithic.

and the development of social complexity. Different regional developments will be discussed through archaeological cultures in the peninsular territories.

7. Bronze Age.

This theme will address the settlement and structuring of the territory during the second millenium BC. Technological, economic and social innovations from this period will be detailing.

8. The end of Prehistoric times.

Topic addressed to the study of Late Bronze and Early Iron Age as end of recent Prehistory. The characteristics of the regional groups will be presented and external influences reach the Iberian Peninsula during the first half of the first millennium BC.

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

New technologies are incorporated to provide information to students. Classroom website AulaVirtual will encourage contact of students with the subject outside the classroom as well facilitate their access to the selected utility and non-contact work for information. You can accessed from that page, both basic information on the subject (general objectives, program, links ...) and the supplementary material.



Classes:

-Lectures: In the classroom, the teacher will present and explain those fundamental elements that should guide the student in the study and understanding of the issues, using appropriate means for this (class masterful projection of images using Power Point presentations and / or videos). It's fundamental for the student to perform, prior to exposure of the teacher and each theme, reading this manual or texts that they will tell.

- Practical classes: For some topics will be the students themselves who seek appropriate readings in magazines or the specialized periodicals listed in the bibliography.

PREPARATION OF PRACTICAL AND / OR TEAM WORK: The works can be carried out along the course is conducted in accordance with the

procedure and time schedule set by different teachers in its Annexes.

TUTORING:

a) Scheduled Tutorials: Teachers indicate in Annex available in the Virtual Classroom, the performing scheduled tutorials.

b) unscheduled Tutorials: Students may attend the tutorials and attention hours who have scheduled each teacher, to consult on any topic or aspect of the subject as well as performing different jobs. Also you can communicate with the teacher by through the official e-mail from the university.

The tutorial hours will be indicated on the first day of class and will be detailed in AulaVirtual for each group.

COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES: Students participate in those activities organized and scheduled by the teachers of the subject

EVALUATION

The evaluation of the course in the first round is:

Written exam = 70% of the mark. It will be necessary to reach a minimum score of 4 out of 10 to add up the qualifications obtained in the works. It will be valued especially the domain of the general scheme of evolution of prehistoric societies, ability to relate and synthesis, and the conceptual precision and analytical skills and clear exposition.

Jobs and complementary activities = 30% of the mark. The final rating under this section shall be proportional counting those obtained in different jobs, as indicated in the Annex for each group. Students who do not participate in these sections consist with 0 points.



The second round is for an extraordinary review of the written exam, following established criteria (minimum score of 4 out of 10). They will remain ratings obtained during the semester in the works. These ratings will remain in effect only during the academic year. Optionally, a teacher can offer rework unsurpassed, if this is stated in Annex available in Aula Virtual.

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