

**COURSE DATA****DATA SUBJECT**

**Code:** 34975  
**Name:** Governing and management for local development  
**Cycle:** Undergraduate Studies  
**ECTS Credits:** 4.5  
**Academic year:** 2025-26

**STUDY (S)**

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1300 - Degree in Political and Public Administration Sciences	Facultat de Dret	4	First quarter

**SUBJECT-MATTER**

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1300 - Degree in Political and Public Administration Sciences	Governing and management for local development	ELECTIVES

**COORDINATION**

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**SUMMARY**

The subject has two main general objectives: to bring students closer to the knowledge of the local environment as an operational framework for the local approach to development (local government and governance, actors and social networks) and, on the other hand, to the instruments and policies for the design, management and/or application of the local development strategies in which this approach is embodied. Local development, conceived, managed and/or implemented from the local level, by local actors and for the local population, constitutes a complementary approach to traditional approaches, with the added value of sustainability as a reference. Local-sustainable development is embodied in development strategies, which project the strategic vision of the territory in question, with the aim of advancing the sustainable socio-economic development of local society. These strategies, although applied at the local level and with an essential role for local governments (in a context of direct participation of local actors -governance- in local development processes), are channelled through different operational and political instruments, emanating from the EU scale to the regional one, and where appropriate, the local administrations themselves, always with sustainable local development as an objective.

**PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE**

**RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE**

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

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

Students should have an instrumental knowledge of foreign languages (like French, English, German, etc.) that allows them to read and understand any documents or texts written in these languages.

Knowledge of office automation systems to deliver exercises, resumes, etc. in a digital form, even to prepare oral presentations with Power Point, for instance.

Effectively use web-based platforms (such as official organizations: United Nations, Instituto Nacional de Estadística, etc.).

**COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES****1300 - Degree in Political and Public Administration Sciences**

Develop the learning skills needed to complete further studies or training with some degree of autonomy.

Have knowledge and ability to understand essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relating to political science and public administration, and to the spectrum of other reference disciplines.

Know and be able to analyse the design, planning, management and evaluation of public policies.

Know and be able to analyse the policies of equality between men and women, of equal opportunities and of non-discrimination, as well as the policies that promote solidarity, environmental protection and the culture of peace.

**DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS****1. Governance and management for local development**

1. Introduction to the local and the local development approach.
2. The organization of local government: framework and strategic actor in local development.
3. Institutional, political and social actors: social networks.
4. Decentralization at the local level.
5. Governance at the local level. Conditions for local development.
6. Instruments and policies for local development.
7. Sustainable local development: agendas 21 and other instruments for sustainability.

**WORKLOAD****PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES**



Activity	Hours
Theoretical and practical classes	45,00
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>45,00</b>

### NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	5,00
Individual or group project	30,00
Independent study and work	2,50
Preparation of lessons	15,00
Preparation for assessment activities	15,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>67,50</b>

### TEACHING METHODOLOGY

CLASSES: an explanation will be made through presentations of various theoretical contents of the syllabus.

PERSONAL STUDENT WORK: reading articles and documents.

PREPARATION FOR PRACTICAL WORK.

REALIZATION OF TEAMWORK: Part of practices must be done as a team. Part of class time will be devoted to the implementation of these practices.

TUTORIALS: a) Scheduled: In these tutorials the teacher will explain the specific contents to be developed by each working group. In addition, various tutorials will be scheduled in order to prepare course work; b) Unscheduled: they will be dedicated to answer questions that might have arisen during the development of classes. There will also be face-to-face and on-line (Moodle or e-mail).

COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES: Several options will be proposed at the beginning of the course, if any, the possibilities that both other subjects of the Degree as well as the reality of the Valencian territory allow. If done, this part of the subject is understood as continuous evaluation and cannot be recovered if it is not done at the moment in which it takes place.

### EVALUATION

The evaluation model will conform to the following percentages:



- Examination: 30 %
- Works and (individual and / or group) guided practice: 50 %
- Supplementary activities: seminars, conferences, specific tutorials, etc.: 20 %

To pass the course will have to pass the final exam (with 5 out of 10).

The grading system will follow the regulations of the University of Valencia, approved by the Consell de Govern on 27 January 2004. (According to the 1044/2003 and 1125/2003 RR.DD.).

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