



COURSE DATA

DATA SUBJECT

Code: 36164
Name: Economic history of Spain
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STUDY (S)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1316 - Degree in Economics	Facultat d'Economia	2	First quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1316 - Degree in Economics	Economic history	COMPULSORY

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY



Spanish Economic History provides an understanding of the configuration process of contemporary Spanish economy. The course is based on the long-term perspective of historical analysis and the conceptual tools from economic theory and quantitative methods. This course also allows you to check the usefulness of history as an analytical framework in the training of future economists.

Topics studied allow to identify the effects of institutional and social variables on economic phenomena, particularly those concerning the Spanish economy over the last two centuries. All this is achieved with a method that combines lectures with practical work, and will seek to encourage analysis, reflexion, and critical thinking. To achieved it, the course is structured around the following contents:

- The evolution of the Spanish economy in historical perspective.
- Convergence and divergence in European pattern.
- Institutional changes in the liberal Revolution
- The hard industrialization of the Spanish economy during the nineteenth century.
- The consolidation of an industrial base between 1874 end 1936.
- Divergence and convergence during the Francoist period.
- The adaptation of Spanish economy to democratic change: instyitucional reforms and economic integration.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE

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

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Be able to collect and analyse information.

Be able to learn autonomously.

Be able to use ICTs.

Be able to work in a team (including interdisciplinary teams).

Have oral and written communication skills in the native language.

Know and understand the determinants of the long-term sustainable growth of an economy.

Know the origin of the major economic problems, the mechanisms of long-term growth, how economic and non-economic factors have interacted throughout history and the evolution of the different approaches in modern economic thought.



Know the Spanish, European and international economic environment, the productive sectors and the functioning of institutions.

Show critical thinking skills.

Understand and apply the scientific method, which involves formulating hypotheses, deducing verifiable results and contrasting them with empirical and experimental evidence.

Understand the functioning of the economy at the aggregate level and the effect of different economic policies.

Understand the possible causes of economic cycles and the effects of stabilisation policies.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. The Spanish economy in the long term

- 1.1 .- Indicators of economic development in Spain, 1820-2020
- 1.2 .- Convergence and divergence with respect to Europe
- 1.3 .- Reasons for the lack of convergence: the debate on Spanish economic backwardness

2. The Spanish economy from the Ancien Régime to the Liberal Reforms (1808-1874)

- 2.1. Institutional transformation. The new property rights and market integration
- 2.2. The limits of public finance and fiscal reform
- 2.3. The difficult industrial start in Spain: causes and consequences

3. The consolidation of an industrial base, 1874-1936

- 3.1. The globalization, the agrarian crisis, and WWI, and their effects
- 3.2. The reception of the 2nd industrial revolution
- 3.3. The impact of the Great Depression and the Second Republic

4. The Spanish economy during the Franco regime, 1936-1975

- 4.1. The Civil War and its consequences. Economic policy and production bottlenecks during the 1940s: the Autarky
- 4.2. Opening and institutional change between the 1950s and 1960s
- 4.3. Desarrollismo: structural change, agricultural modernization and industrialisation



5. The Spanish economy in democracy, reform and international integration, 1975-2020

- 5.1. Economic crisis and institutional change. Adjustment policies and reforms
- 5.2. The Spanish economy in the European Economic Union (1986-)
- 5.3. Spain in the Euro monetary union (2001-)

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Theory	30,00
Classroom practices	30,00
Total hours	60,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	30,00
Independent study and work	60,00
Preparation of lessons	0,00
Preparation for assessment activities	0,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
Total hours	90,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The learning methodology combines education lectures with active student participation through exercises, the submission of papers, and participation in class.

To meet the goals outlined in the lectures, the student must have prepared the subject using the basic literature. The explanation of the teacher in the classroom will be aimed at specific points of greatest difficulty and not to repeat information found in the basic texts. In the theoretical classes will be tracked in the learning process through the use of different techniques that encourage active student participation in class. For this, techniques of "informal cooperative learning groups" with the aim of preventing decay attention of students. Thus, for example, encourage the formulation of questions from students, the development of short talks from an issue launched by the teacher (relationship between the historical theme discussed in class and a hot topic on the Spanish economy) or a brief written summary of the lesson developed at the end of the class. Such activities will develop part of the evaluation through the assessment by the teacher of student participation and involvement in the teaching-learning process. To monitor the learning process of the contents in the master class participation, students could get to make a directed activity that would not face delivery, through the virtual classroom, one or more questionnaires.

In practice the material that has previously work the teacher will be located in the Virtual Classroom. The



materials consist of readings, statistics, video presentation and discussion, and interpretation of data and historical facts in the light of economic theory learned. In the design of materials to use in practical classes will encourage both individual work and teamwork using collaborative learning techniques (such as technical puzzle). The objectives in using these techniques in the development of practical classes are to promote the active involvement of students in the learning process, capitalizing on the ability of groups to increase the level of learning through interaction among colleagues, promote learning independent and self, promoting the development of the ability to reason critically, to facilitate oral communication skills and the ability to synthesize, to promote more positive attitudes by students toward the study material and prepare them as citizens and as professionals taking into account the competencies that are demanded in the labor market (fidelity, responsibility, initiative, teamwork, dynamism, honesty).

Punctuality is important in this subject and is a sign of respect to other students and teacher. During the stay in the classroom mobile phones must be turned off. It is forbidden to use any of them including sending text messages, which prevent the concentration of the rest of those present. Is also requested to avoid conversations with other students who have the same effect.

EVALUATION

The subject will be assessed through both tests (Test, objective and oral) and through observation techniques, in particular:

- Written exam performed at the end of the course consisting of theoretical and practical questions (60%).
- Assessment of practical activities developed by the student from school during the course, from the preparation of papers, presentations and problem-solving. This assessment may include answering questionnaires test questions for each of the topics that make up the agenda (40%)
- Continuous evaluation based on their participation and involvement in the teaching-learning process.
- The observation techniques allow examination of the student's ability to work together, argue and defend ideas and attitudes in accordance with criteria of fairness, equality and respect for human rights.
- Copy on a test or plagiarizing a paper (copy of another) are not acceptable behavior on this serious subject. Assume a zero in the evaluation.

To pass the course is necessary to pass the exam, at least, with a 3 out of 6. The exam will be unique for all groups.

To pass the course, the minimum score on the weighted global computing is 5 points.

The date of the exam will be determined by the TAC and approved by the Central Board and announced by the Faculty.

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