



COURSE DATA

DATA SUBJECT

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STUDY (S)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1335 - Degree in Political and Public Administration Sciences	Facultat de Dret	1	First quarter
1930 - Double Degree Programme in Law and Political and Public Admin. Sciences	Facultat de Dret	1	First quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1335 - Degree in Political and Public Administration Sciences	Ciencia política	BASIC
1930 - Double Degree Programme in Law and Political and Public Admin. Sciences	Asignaturas obligatorias de primer curso	COMPULSORY

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

The subject belongs to the degree of Political Science and Public Administration, being taught as a compulsory first year. It involves the students' first contact with the University and with Political Science and Administration (CPA), so it is purely introductory. It is, in this first approach, that students become familiar with the main internal aspects of the University of Valencia, as well as with research in the field of politics and from Political Science and Administration (distinguishing its object, approaches, schools, methodology).

The aim of this subject is to introduce students to the structure and organizations of the university and its structure and processes. Also, offer an introduction to the research on the issues of contemporary reality from a political perspective, using concepts, theories and methodological instruments specific to the discipline, learning the basic phases and instruments of the investigation, which they will have to use throughout of the career and in their professional development.



PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE

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

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

No se han especificado restricciones de matrícula con otras asignaturas del plan de estudios.

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

1335 - Degree in Political and Public Administration Sciences

Análisis de información para evaluar problemas políticos o de gestión pública y elaborar propuestas de mejora

Conocer y saber analizar las características, causas y consecuencias de retos sociales contemporáneos: desigualdad de género, ciberseguridad y sostenibilidad del desarrollo.

Pensamiento crítico.

Saber elaborar informes, dictámenes y trabajos de investigación política.

Students must be able to apply their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional manner and have acquired the competences required for the preparation and defence of arguments and for problem solving in their field of study.

Students must be able to communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions to both expert and lay audiences.

Students must have acquired knowledge and understanding in a specific field of study, on the basis of general secondary education and at a level that includes mainly knowledge drawn from advanced textbooks, but also some cutting-edge knowledge in their field of study.

Students must have developed the learning skills needed to undertake further study with a high degree of autonomy.

Students must have the ability to gather and interpret relevant data (usually in their field of study) to make judgements that take relevant social, scientific or ethical issues into consideration.

Trabajo en equipo.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS



1. Introduction to the university.

Higher education and its structure in Spain. The UV and its structure and governing bodies. Participation and representation in the University.

2. Think politically.

Politics and the science of politics. Epistemology and object of Political Science. Political science as a science and as a profession.

3. Political science as a discipline.

Evolution of the discipline, schools and approaches. The analysis of politics until the 20th century: the epistemological turn. The conformation and consolidation of the discipline in a modern sense. Behaviorist, post-conductist revolution, rational choice and neo-institutionalisms. The new approaches in Political Science. The evolution towards theoretical and methodological pluralism.

4. The current fields of Political Science.

Political theory. Comparative politics. Public policies. International Studies. The objects of Political Science: power and ideologies; the political system, institutions and the State; political processes and actors; the results of the political system.

5. Political Science Methodology.

The methodological foundations. Political science research design. Theories and research questions. Statement of hypotheses and types of variables.

6. Political research scheme.

Outline of the investigation: selection of cases, presentation of data, application of techniques, and discussion of the results.

7. Political Science and Data

Sources for political science research. Documentary bases and databases and their analysis.

**WORKLOAD****PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Activity	Hours
Theoretical and practical classes	60,00
Total hours	60,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	5,00
Individual or group project	20,00
Independent study and work	55,00
Preparation of lessons	10,00
Preparation for assessment activities	0,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
Total hours	90,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The transmission of knowledge will be carried out through the master class. This will also require the student's work - which will be developed individually or in groups. The teacher will try to transmit the essential contents of the subject, bringing them closer to reality through the use of current examples, use of classic texts, cases, legal texts, online materials, and so on. At all times, the active participation of students will be required. They must have previously prepared the topics that will be discussed in class. In the same way, it is expected that they dedicate a part of the time outside the classroom to review the content of each of the lectures.

Throughout the course various practical activities will be carried out. To do this, students should use materials provided by the teacher or look for them in institutions, libraries, the Internet, etc. When the activities are carried out in class, the students must have previously prepared the materials. Some of these activities will be carried out in computer classrooms or the students' own computers will be used. Each of the practical activities must be delivered on the date determined for it, without being able to do it at another time.

EVALUATION

The evaluation of the course is made up of two grades, both in the first and in the second call:

a) *Exam*: at the end of the course, there will be a final test on all the contents of the subject, whether they have been taught in the classroom or not, and the materials that has been analyzed in the different



sessions. This test will account for the 60 percent of the overall mark.

b) *Continuous evaluation*: Throughout the semester practical work and complementary activities of various kinds will be carried out, which must be delivered on the day indicated by the professor. This part will have a value of up to 40 percent of the final grade.

In order to obtain points from the continuous assessment, the student must have attended a minimum of 75% of the sessions dedicated to `practices`. In addition, in order to add the grade obtained in the continuous evaluation (of the practical sessions) to the grade in the exam, the student must have obtained at least a 4 (out of 10) in the exam.

The content of all the exercises done in the classroom also constitutes materials and contents of the course, so they are likely to be part of the end-of-course test. The teacher will explain how each exercise should be done and delivered. The results of these exercises will be delivered before the exam. The practices (whether those not carried out or delivered within the respective stipulated period, or those already carried out or evaluated) will not be recoverable after the delivery date, nor for the second call (keeping for this the note of the continuous evaluation achieved throughout the semester).

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