

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

Code: 47021
Name: Historical landscape, risk and natural environment
Cycle: Master's Degree
ECTS Credits: 5
Academic year: 2025-26

STUDY (S)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
2281 - Máster Universitario en Historia e Ident. Medit.Occidental (Siglos XV-XIX)	Facultat de Geografia i Història	1	First quarter, Second quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

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COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

Panoramic study of the evolution of the western Mediterranean landscape, its transformation by human action and the implications (economic, political, cultural...) of natural hazards. The consequences of extreme events of geological or atmospheric origin have always been a cause for concern on the Spanish Mediterranean coast, due to the high degree of destruction and the large number of victims they usually cause. Throughout history, territories and peoples have faced risks of many different kinds, overcoming many obstacles and calamities and overcoming an infinite number of extreme situations. Special attention will be paid to the analysis of historical droughts throughout the modern centuries as well as to all the episodes of extraordinary precipitation that have caused floods and floods with catastrophic consequences.

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

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

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES



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Act autonomously in learning, making well-founded decisions in various contexts, forming judgements based on experimentation and analysis, and applying knowledge to new situations.

Analyse local and regional early modern history of the western Mediterranean.

Analyse the modern history of the Western Mediterranean from a comparative perspective.

Analyze with a critical perspective works and research on the western Mediterranean in the early modern age.

Be able to communicate conclusions, and the knowledge and rationale underpinning these, concerning ionising radiation, its use and effects on the environment, to specialist and non-specialist audiences, clearly and unambiguously.

Be able to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, adapting to the characteristics of the situation and audience.

Collaborate effectively in work teams, assume responsibilities and leadership roles, and contribute to collective improvement and development.

Contribute to the design, development and implementation of solutions that respond to social demands, considering the Sustainable Development Goals as a reference.

Demonstrate critical and self-critical reasoning within the field of study, considering aspects such as professional ethics, moral values and the social implications of the different activities carried out.

Demonstrate knowledge and understanding that provides a basis or opportunity to be original in developing and/or applying ideas, often within a research context.

Prepare and manage documents, reports and procedures most suitable for addressing problems arising in research on modern history of the Western Mediterranean.

Propose creative and innovative solutions to complex situations or problems specific to the field of knowledge, to respond to different professional and social needs.

Propose creative and innovative solutions to complex situations or problems within the field of knowledge to respond to diverse professional and social needs.

Understand and comprehend, from the field of study, inequalities based on sex, gender and other axes of discrimination in society; integrate different needs and preferences in the design of solutions and problem-solving, considering these axes of discrimination.

Understand that historical knowledge is continuously evolving and compare and evaluate different historiographical perspectives.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS



- 1.- The historical landscape: the natural environment and the architectural heritage.
- 2.- The Mediterranean territory of risk and contrasts: physical and environmental conditioning factors.
- 3.- Documentary sources and materials for the study of the historical landscape: proxy data, the first instrumental records, historical cartography.
- 4.- The transformations of the landscape during the Modern Age: structural problems and vulnerability of agriculture.

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Tutorials	1,00
Theory	15,00
Seminar	8,00
Classroom practices	7,00
Total hours	31,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Individual or group project	0,00
Independent study and work	54,00
Preparation of lessons	0,00
Preparation for assessment activities	40,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
Total hours	94,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

This subject will be taught online. In this mode, theoretical teaching will be carried out through student work on materials and activities prepared and designed by the teaching staff; practical teaching, through exercises set by the lecturer (case studies, information searches, etc.). And seminar activities through participation in virtual forums or debates.

EVALUATION

- Participation in seminar discussions and on-line forums: 20%.
- Academic essays: 50%.
- Completion of on-line questionnaires and practical exercises: 30%.

REFERENCES



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