



Universidad
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Compared political systems

Guía docente 2025-26

PRESENTACIÓN

Breve descripción:

- **Titulación:** Economics + Leadership and Governance
- **Módulo/Materia:** Módulo 7. Optativas / Materia 7.2. Optativas específicas
- **ECTS:** 4.5 (112 hours)
- **Curso, semestre:** 2nd year, 2nd semester
- **Carácter:** Compulsory
- **Profesorado:** Guillem Ripoll
- **Idioma:** English
- **Aula, Horario:** To be defined

RESULTADOS DE APRENDIZAJE (Competencias)

- Development of logical reasoning in politics.
- Capacity to analyze and synthesize issues in comparative politics.
- Acquire theoretical and applied knowledge of basic methods and concepts in comparative political analysis.
- General knowledge of how political systems work, given their structure.
- Advanced knowledge about the role of government in a modern state.
- Understand a set of basic concepts in political theory.
- Carry out political analysis in a rigorous way.
- Discuss and develop real world examples.
- CEOP14. Conocer principios básicos de política y entender su relación con la economía en un entorno globalizado.
- CEOP15. Conocer principios básicos de relaciones internacionales y entender su relación con la economía en un entorno globalizado

PROGRAMA

- 14/01 – Introduction
- 21/01 – Unit 1: Constitutions and Governments
- 21/01 – Seminar 1
- 28/01 – Unit 2: National decision-making institutions
- 28/01 – Seminar 2
- 04/02 – Unit 3: Public administration
- 04/02 – Seminar 3
- 11/02 – Unit 4: Policies, pointing to justice and effectiveness
- 11/02 – Seminar 4
- 18/02 – Unit 5: Political parties, interest groups and politics
- 18/02 – Seminar 5
- 25/02 – Unit 6: Political culture and political socialization
- 25/02 – Seminar 6

ACTIVIDADES FORMATIVAS

- Class participation (in-person/online)
- Reading assignments



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- Essay writing
- Exam

EVALUACIÓN

CONVOCATORIA ORDINARIA

- Grade composition
 - Final exam: 45%
 - Research question & literature review: 25% (in pairs)
 - Seminars: 30%
- Theoretical lectures and seminars are imparted and compulsory! The final exam is based on these lectures and additional readings. (A minimum requirement to pass the class is achieving 3.5 of 10 points in the final exam.)
- The essay is to be written on a topic chosen by the student with a maximum of 3.500 words. A list of topics is available in the contents section, but alternative topics can be proposed by the student. The essay must follow the guidelines applicable to political science, and employ the analytical tools or concepts explained in class. The ethical standards of a scientific working style apply.
[Citation style for papers](#)
- Contributions in the seminars are evaluated with 2 points towards the final mark. Students are expected to actively participate in the debates and prepare the assigned texts to discuss them in class.

CONVOCATORIA EXTRAORDINARIA

- Grade composition
 - Final exam: 45% (new)
 - Research question & literature review: 25% (in pairs) (same)
 - Seminars: 30% (same)

HORARIOS DE ATENCIÓN

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- Despacho 4090
- Edificio Amigos. Planta 4
- Horario de tutoría: By appointment

BIBLIOGRAFÍA

Required bibliography

Shively, Phillips (2018) *Power and Choice: An Introduction to Political Science*, Rowman & Littlefield, 15th edition. [Find it in the library](#).

Recommended Bibliography

TBA in class and made available on ADI