

FICHA TÉCNICA DE LA ASIGNATURA

Datos de la asignatura	
NombreCompleto	European History of the 20th Century
Código	E000000268
Nivel	Intercambio
Cuatrimestre	Semestral
Créditos	5,0
Carácter	Obligatoria
Departamento / Área	Departamento de Relaciones Internacionales
Responsable	Dr Almudena González del Valle Brena
Horario de tutorías	Under petition
Descriptor	The aim is to provide students with a general overview of the main issues that defined the course of European history during the 20th century (and first decades in 21st century!) This includes the study of conflicts between European great powers and states, main actors' internal political developments, cultural issues, analysis of the mentalities and the ideologies that shaped the continent during last century. Essay writing will allow the student to explore themes in more depth. The student will become familiar with changing geo-political pattern of Europe nation-states and empires; the causes and effects of wars; the main political movements; changes in living standards; integration process; and the range of experiences that Europeans have lived through. The student will be able to read a complex historical text. Course seminars will be thematic in organisation. Students will prepare for seminars by reading set texts in advance. Discussion of these texts will form the basis of semina

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DATOS ESPECÍFICOS DE LA ASIGNATURA

Contextualización de la asignatura

Competencias - Objetivos

BLOQUES TEMÁTICOS Y CONTENIDOS

Contenidos – Bloques Temáticos

Contents – Topics to be covered

-MODULE 1: EUROPE. FROM ITS ZENITH TO CATASTROPHE-

Topic 1: ZENITH

1.1 The Great Empires: Culture, Science, Society in 1900 Europe

1.2 Conflicts and tensions: Arms and alliances; the road to war

1.3 The first World War and its consequences

Topic 2: THE INTERWAR YEARS

2.1 Versailles, the flawed peace

2.2 The Soviet Revolution and the creation of the USSR

2.3 The rise of Totalitarian regimes

2.4 A new war on the horizon

Topic 3: THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND ITS AFTERMATH

3.1 General characteristics of the conflict

3.2 The partition of Europe and the beginning of the Cold War in Europe

3.3 The origins of integration: the Congress of the Hague, the Council of Europe and ECSC

MODULE 4: TOWARDS THE EUROPEAN COMMON HOUSE

Topic 1: EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

1.1 The Treaty of Rome and the challenges of integration. From EC to EU

Topic 2: CHALLENGES OF THE NEW EUROPE

2.1 The fall of the Berlin Wall and the new borders of Europe

2.2 The future and its challenges

METODOLOGÍA DOCENTE

Aspectos metodológicos generales de la asignatura

General Teaching/Learning Methods of the Subject

Lectures and discussion

In Class Learning Techniques: Activities

More information will be available on MoodleRooms

The course will be organized in the form of seminars, with each session covering a specific topic of the syllabus. Seminars, if not specifically indicated otherwise in the class schedule, will consist of a general introduction carried out by the course organiser followed by discussion of the set texts. Students are expected to participate actively throughout the seminar.

Activities may include glossaries, text-based discussions, reading and analysis of films and videos or other texts.

Oral presentations by groups.

Independent Learning Techniques: Activities

Individual reading and studying (texts proposed for seminar discussion)

Final essay

RESUMEN HORAS DE TRABAJO DEL ALUMNO

SUMMARY/DIVISION OF STUDENT WORK HOURS			
HORAS PRESENCIALES			
Theory Classes	Practical Classes	Academically Guided Activities	Assessments
25	10	15	
HORAS NO PRESENCIALES			

		Group Work Exercises	Revision
		30	45
ECTS CREDITS			125 hours (5 ECTS)

EVALUACIÓN Y CRITERIOS DE CALIFICACIÓN

Assessment Activities	Criterion	Weighting
Final exam	Student will critically analyse different but relevant texts not just to assess their knowledge but also their ability to provide a sophisticated and original analysis of the subject. There may be questions to which short answers are required. Exam score must be above 5/10 to average with other assessment.	50%
Course final essay	At the beginning of the course, students will choose a topic related to the subject syllabus from a list provided by the course organiser. This will form the basis of a 2.000 words dissertation.	20%
Group presentation	More information given along the course on the format and content	20%
Seminar participation, assistance and in-class activities	Participation with comments that evidence having read the proposed texts. Questions and participation in class activities.	10%

BIBLIOGRAFÍA Y RECURSOS

Bibliografía Básica	
Recommended reading	

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- Col. Hughes-Wilson, J. (2006). *The Cold War*. London: Constable & Robinson
Keegan, J. (1997): *The Second World War*. London: Pimlico. (Selected readings).
- Mazower, M. (1998) *The crisis of capitalism*. Dark Continent. Vintage Books, Random House. Pp 115-130.
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Bibliografía Complementaria

Complementary Bibliography

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- Sassoon, D. (1996) *One Hundred Years of Socialism: the West European Left in the Twentieth Century*
- Wasserstein, B. (2008) *Barbarism and Civilization: A History of Europe in our Time*
- Vinen, R. (2000) *A History in Fragments: Europe in the Twentieth Century*
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- Zubkov, V.M. (2007): *A failed empire. The Soviet Union in the Cold War. From Stalin to Gorbachev*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press.

Other resources

Also recommended

Chris Cook and John Paxton, *European Political Facts, 1848–1918*

Chris Cook and John Paxton, *European Political Facts, 1918–1990*

J.A.S. Grenville (1980) *A World History of the Twentieth Century, Vol, 1 Western Dominance, 1900–1945*, Fontana, 1st ed

J.A.S. Grenville (1994) *The Collins History of the World in the Twentieth Century*

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Thompson, D. (various) *Europe since Napoleon*

Derek Urwin (1989) *Western Europe since 1945: a political history* (fourth ed)

David Welch (1994) *Modern European History, 1871–1975: a documentary reader*

Other readings will be available on MoodleRooms