

Catalan Politics

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ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500259 Political Science and Public Management.	OT	3	2
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Use of Languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Prerequisites

It is recommended to all students to have understood and comprehended all concepts related to the subjects Political Behaviour and Spanish Politics.

Objectives and Contextualisation

The main goal of this subject is to provide students with the analytical tools to examine the different elements of the Catalan political system, paying special attention to the transformation that it has suffered in past few years, not only regarding the different profiles of Catalan society, but also its political culture and electoral behaviour.

Competences

- Political Science and Public Management.
- Arguing from different theoretical perspectives.
- Connecting the different components that shape the structure and operations of political systems and the environment where they interact.
- Demonstrating good writing skills in different contexts.
- Demonstrating the comprehension of the structure and functioning of political systems in the internal and international arena, both in the analytic area and in the elaboration of intervention proposals or public policies.
- Identifying sources of data and conducting bibliographic and documentary searches.
- Managing the available time in order to accomplish the established objectives and fulfil the intended task.
- Showing a good capacity for transmitting information, distinguishing key messages for their different recipients.
- Synthesizing and critically analysing information.
- Using the main information and documentation techniques (ICT) as an essential tool for the analysis.
- Working autonomously.
- Working in teams and networking, particularly in interdisciplinary conditions.

Learning Outcomes

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3. Demonstrating good writing skills in different contexts.
4. Demonstrating the comprehension of the structure and functioning of political systems in the internal and international arena, both in the analytic area and in the elaboration of intervention proposals or public policies.
5. Identifying sources of data and conducting bibliographic and documentary searches.
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7. Showing a good capacity for transmitting information, distinguishing key messages for their different recipients.
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Content

1. "Classic" Catalan Politics: 1980-2003
2. Elements of the Catalan system 1: social profiles
3. Elements of the Catalan system 2: political culture
4. Elements of the Catalan system 3: electoral behaviour & political competition
5. System transformations: 1999-2000 & 2003-04 elections
6. A social body in constant change
7. Political Culture: the end of the Spanish Transition?
8. Changes in the electoral behaviour
9. A new Catalan System?

Methodology

The subject evaluation will be based on the students mandatory participation in the three types of activities:

1. The writing of a text commentary about the readings (three in total) (25%)
2. Participation in class and in the seminars about the readings (15%)
3. The writing of a final paper about a relevant issue of the class contents (60%)

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Classroom debate about a reading regarding a specific issue	10	0.4	
Theoretical lessons	45	1.8	

Type: Supervised		
Tutoring hours	15	0.6
Type: Autonomous		
Writing a commentary about the readings	15	0.6
Writing the final paper	50	2

Assessment

The evaluation of the subject will be the combination of three grades. 60% of the grade will be obtained by the means of writing a final paper that will be developed through the course. In this paper students must develop a research question on an issue related to the subject. The selection of the topic is free, however, students must consult the design of the paper with the professor during tutoring hours. A paper proposal must be handed to the professor and it will count 10% of the final paper grade.

Besides this paper, students must be present and active in the seminars on different topics that will take place during the semester. For this seminars, students must present a written text based on the readings. The text and the student's participation in the seminars will be used to complement the evaluation of the subject. Finally, the student must write an essay for each one of the mandatory readings proposed by the professor.

The final grade is a combination of the grades received in each three of the activities.

The final grade might be discussed with the professor on the tutoring hour established for that particular purpose.

No student can pass the subject if they don't write the final paper.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Final paper	50%	6.4	0.26	1, 4, 3, 6, 5, 7, 2, 8, 10, 11, 9
Final paper proposal	10%	1.6	0.06	1, 4, 3, 6, 5, 7, 2, 8, 10, 9
Participation in class and in the seminars	15%	2	0.08	1, 4, 3, 5, 7, 2, 8, 11, 9
Writing a commentary about the readings	25%	5	0.2	1, 4, 3, 6, 5, 7, 2, 8, 10, 11, 9

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