

**Advanced Topics in Regional and Population
Studies**

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Use of Languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)

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Prerequisites

Read fluently Catalan, Spanish, French and English.

Objectives and Contextualisation

In this course the key contents of the most advanced contemporary research of Spatial Planning will be addressed. The course will be structured through the critical study of key concepts, theoretical bases and lines of research and will offer theoretical, methodological and empirical tools to know the fundamentals of Spatial Planning.

This course is part of a joint project with the courses of Spatial Planning, Geographic Information Systems and City and Metropolitan Areas. The objective is to provide students with the conceptual and practical skills for the design and use of spatial tools. A practical exercise will be carried out, consisting in the recognition and identification of the urban, social and environmental characteristics of certain public spaces and the formulation of proposals for the management of these spaces. This practical exercise will be carried out in the neighborhoods of Florida and Les Planes I (L'Hospitalet de Llobregat).

Competences

- Analyze and interpret the interrelationship between population dynamics and historical and recent territorial transformations
- Apply critical concepts and advanced theoretical approaches to the study of land use and population
- Apply the different methodologies of geographic and demographic analysis at different territorial levels and population sizes
- Assess the impact of the framework laws, economic, political and social in the demographic and territorial dynamics.

- Communicate and justify conclusions clearly and unambiguously to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Continue the learning process, to a large extent autonomously.
- Detect the complexity of territorial and demographic dynamics and recognize the most efficient management mechanisms, particularly in conflict situations
- Promote the implementation and advancement of the principles of ecological, social and economic sustainability.
- Solve problems in new or little-known situations within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to the field of study.
- Use English in different formats and contexts.

Learning Outcomes

1. Communicate and justify conclusions clearly and unambiguously to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
2. Continue the learning process, to a large extent autonomously.
3. Identify reference paradigms of current research on territorial and demographic issues.
4. Identify the territorial and demographic changes at different levels (micro, meso, macro) as the core of geographical and demographic research.
5. Knowing the advanced methodology of demographic and territorial analysis.
6. Promote the implementation and advancement of the principles of ecological, social and economic sustainability.
7. Recognizing the relationship between political and territorial dynamics legal system, population system.
8. Reflecting on the importance of academic research in the operation and management of the territory and population.
9. Solve problems in new or little-known situations within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to the field of study.
10. Use English in different formats and contexts.

Content

The organization of the contents of the course is structured around five topics:

1. Urban regeneration (Francisco Muñoz)

1.1 Urban regeneration. The evolution of strategies and actions. The consolidation of a 'canon' of urban regeneration.

1.2 Criteria of innovation regarding urban regeneration strategies and actions (I): beyond historical centers and central cities with a higher hierarchy.

1.3 Innovation criteria with regard to urban regeneration strategies and actions (II): urban social innovation versus physical activity on the urban fabric.

1.4 The new challenges of urban regeneration: sustainability, resilience and climate change; the landscaping and patrimonial elements of an ordinary nature; citizen participation.

2. Population (Antoni López)

2.1 Gentrification and substitution of the population. Renewal of population and aging. Suburbanization of poverty

2.2 The role of qualified migration. Tourism and sociodemographic transformation. Great dynamics of residential mobility

3. Housing (Juan Antonio Módenes)

3.1 Analysis and impacts of residential behaviors

3.2 Comparative study of urban residential systems

3.3 Estimation of residential demand in urban areas

4. Mobility (Angel Cebollada)

4.1 Accessibility. The city on a human scale

4.2 The challenge of sustainable mobility

4.3 Modes of transport

5. Migration and interculturality (Miguel Solana)

5.1 Inclusion and social exclusion

5.2 Policies of inclusion: from the policies of assimilation to the intercultural policies

5.3 Diversity and conflict in the contemporary city

A specialized bibliography will be distributed for each topic.

A series of conferences associated with the subject will be programmed.

Methodology

The evaluation of the Module of Advanced Issues, as an integral part of the core program of the METIP 2019-20, will have a part of the specific evaluation of the module, in which the student must demonstrate a series of instrumental abilities and knowledge about the work in the sessions of the classroom and another part that will be the evaluation of the core work.

The evaluation will be distributed as follows:

- Individual work: 25% of the evaluation.

-Active participation in the sessions: 10% of the evaluation.

-Student work: 50% of the evaluation.

-Oral presentation of the core work: 15% of the evaluation.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Lectures and debate of bibliography	56.25	2.25	5, 4, 3, 6, 7
Type: Supervised			
Portfolio design	6	0.24	10, 8
Type: Autonomous			
Elaboration spatial planning proposal	62.75	2.51	9, 1, 2

Assessment

- Individual essay: 25% of the evaluation.
- Active participation in the sessions: 10% of the evaluation. (not subject to re-evaluation)
- Practical exercise of spatial planning: 50% of the evaluation.
- Oral presentation of the practical exercise of spatial planning: 15% of the evaluation.

Core work is not subject to re-evaluation.

VERY IMPORTANT: Total or partial plagiarism of any of the exercises will automatically be considered "fail" (0) for the plagiarized item. Plagiarism is copying one or more sentences from unidentified sources, presenting it as original work (THIS INCLUDES COPYING PHRASES OR FRAGMENTS FROM THE INTERNET AND ADDING THEM WITHOUT MODIFICATION TO A TEXT WHICH IS PRESENTED AS ORIGINAL). Plagiarism is a serious offense. Students must learn to respect the intellectual property of others, identifying any source they may use, and take responsibility for the originality and authenticity of the texts they produce.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Oral presentation of the practical exercise	15	15	0.6	10, 6, 1
Active participation in the course	10%	10	0.4	10, 3, 6, 1, 7, 8
Elaboration of a spatial planning proposal	50	50	2	5, 10, 4, 9, 2, 8
Elaboration of an essay based on the bibliography of the course	25%	25	1	10, 3, 1, 2, 7, 8

Bibliography

For each session of the teaching staff, conference of invited researchers and research seminar session will be given recommended and compulsory readings, with references to the most recent publications of the results of ongoing research.