

Prehistory and Ancient History

Code: 100013
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2502758 Humanities	OB	2	1

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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

Teachers

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Prerequisites

Although there are no specific prerequisites for this subject, it is recommended to review the knowledge previously acquired throughout the student's academic career.

Any other subject related directly or indirectly to the syllabus can serve the students to obtain an excellent degree of understanding and learning.

Objectives and Contextualisation

The main aim of the subject is the knowledge and understanding of the historical realities of the Prehistory and the Antiquity, analyzing their basic characteristics in social, economic and cultural terms. To achieve this goal the students must be familiar with the direct sources (archaeological and documental record) and with the methods of investigation that define the study of the prehistory and of the ancient world. These methods will relate the historical interpretations that along the time have been produced with the historical context of each moment.

The recent advances in the two disciplines show a constant evolution. Both, the interpretative theories of some historical phenomena and the application of some archaeologic technics have changed through the time. The knowledge on the Prehistory or on the Antiquity is constantly under construction. The students has to perceive that their training will provide them a set of practical knowledges that can allow they to understand the advances and the context of the new interpretations of the historical processes .

Both Prehistory and Ancient History have an outstanding corpus of interpretations that make up the explanation of the world as we know it. From these interpretations the students can know the main milestones of these disciplines when explaining their field of study.

The priority objective is to train people with a critical spirit, who have basic knowledge but, above all, who know both the methodology and the main works and theories of reference. It is expected that these theories are subject to analysis and reflection.

Competences

- Critically analysing today's culture and its historical conditions.
- Developing critical thinking and reasoning and communicating them effectively both in your own and other languages.
- Respecting the diversity and plurality of ideas, people and situations.
- Students must be capable of collecting and interpreting relevant data (usually within their area of study) in order to make statements that reflect social, scientific or ethical relevant issues.
- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.

Learning Outcomes

1. Critically analysing the past, the nature of the historical speech and the social function of historical science.
2. Drawing up an academic text using the discipline's specific vocabulary.
3. Effectively working in teams and respecting different opinions.
4. Engaging in debates about historical facts respecting the other participants' opinions.
5. Identifying the main and secondary ideas and expressing them with linguistic correctness.
6. Interpreting the regulatory information that is located in the web pages of regulatory institutions.
7. Organising and planning the search of historical information.
8. Properly using the specific vocabulary of History.
9. Recognising the most appropriate bibliographic databases in order to obtain sources of a specific issue.
10. Using the characteristic computing resources of the field of History.
11. Using the characteristic investigation sources of the history of Catalonia.

Content

BLOCK 1.- Methods and sources for Prehistoric and Ancient world research

BLOCK 2.- Mesopotamia and Egypt: periodization / urbanism and architecture / legal context / work / intellectual and cultural life

BLOCK 3.- The Aegean and Italic Peninsula: periodization / urbanism and architecture / legal context / work / intellectual and cultural life

BLOCK 4.- The views on prehistory and the ancient world (historiography and schools of thought). How the historical processes have influenced the studies of the Prehistoric and Ancient past

BLOCK 5.- Archeology of origins: what makes us human? Technology and humanization

BLOCK 6. -The modern humanity. Symbolism and colonization

BLOCK 7.- Social complexity: the end of the hunter-gatherer world and the origin of the domestication of plants and animals

Methodology

The subject is mainly theoretical. The sessions will consist of the presentation of the syllabus combined with the reading and commentary of articles, chapters of monographs, virtual visits to museums and archaeological settlements and other practical activities in the classroom.

The explanations of the different sessions will be accompanied by teaching material that the student can find in the Virtual Campus.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Lectures	40	1.6	1
Practical sessions	5	0.2	7, 10
Seminars	5	0.2	1, 5, 3
Type: Supervised			
Tutorial	15	0.6	7
Type: Autonomous			
Readings and written report	80	3.2	2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 8, 10

Assessment

The evaluation will be continuous (Continuous Assessment).

For the evaluation of the subject, the following will be taken into account:

- A practical work of prehistory and a practical work of ancient history (30% of the final grade, 15% for each one)
- A partial exam of ancient history (35% of the final grade)
- A partial exam of prehistory (35% of the final grade)

At the time of each assessment activity, the teacher will inform the student (Moodle) of the procedure and date of review of grades.

The only recoverable activities will be partial exams. The subject cannot be passed if in one or both partial exams the mark is equal to or lower than 3.5. At the end of the ordinary assessment, students who have not passed the subject will have the option of retrieving it through an exam that covers the entire syllabus of the subject or the part that does not has been passed. The treatment of any particular cases should be discussed directly with teachers.

Students will obtain a "Not assessed/Not submitted" course grade unless they have submitted more than 35% of the assessment items.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Outputs of practical work and seminars	30%	2	0.08	1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 4, 9, 3, 8, 10, 11
Written assignment Ancient History (exam 1)	35%	1.5	0.06	2, 5, 8
Written assignment Prehistory (exam 2)	35%	1.5	0.06	2, 5, 8

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Software

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