

**1. General information****Course:** GEOPOLITICS**Type:** BASIC**Degree:** 396 - DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**Center:** 6 - FACULTY OF LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**Year:** 1**Main language:** Spanish**Use of additional languages:****Web site:****Code:** 51408**ECTS credits:** 6**Academic year:** 2023-24**Group(s):** 40 44 45**Duration:** C2**Second language:****English Friendly:** Y**Bilingual:** N**Lecturer:** HECTOR SAMUEL MARTINEZ SANCHEZ-MATEOS - Group(s): 40 44 45

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**2. Pre-Requisites**

It is required an structured knowledge on the political map of the globe

**3. Justification in the curriculum, relation to other subjects and to the profession**

The subject brings elementary concepts of global Geopolitics to the student. Geopolitics as a science uses methods to analyse the geopolitical reality, useful to understand the political and spatial context of the Estates, International Affairs and know the world dynamics in general.

**4. Degree competences achieved in this course****Course competences**

Code	Description
CE04	Gaining knowledge of (i) world geopolitics; and (ii) the concept of international society.
CE05	Using the main research and analysis methods and techniques in social studies (including both quantitative and qualitative techniques) to assess (i) international events and affairs; and (ii) current trends in global society.
CE10	Understanding how international organizations work, as well as their powers and internal structure and composition.
CG01	Researching and sorting out meaningful international information on law and economics relying on various sources (including oral, written and online sources).
CG03	Gaining in-depth knowledge of global societies and political and economic systems, including a gender perspective.
CG04	Accessing and sorting out information and documents related to the fields of study.
CG05	Being able to critically examine and discuss international affairs and current events, including a gender perspective.
CT06	Being capable of autonomous study and self-learning.

**5. Objectives or Learning Outcomes****Course learning outcomes****Description**

Having gained knowledge of various key concepts related to politics and territory.

Being able to determine the power distribution and spatial allocation (i.e., mapping) of activities related to political, economic, social and cultural systems

Being able to interpret from a political perspective any territorial changes affecting the international order.

Being able to assess and examine territorial conflicts.

(i) Having gained an understanding of all the possible meanings of the concept of "border;" and (ii) being able to discuss the connection between borders and conflicts, security and societies' defining features.

**6. Units / Contents****Unit 1: Geopolitics, Estates and territory****Unit 1.1** Basic concepts: power, Estate and territory**Unit 1.2** Schools and theoretical approaches**Unit 1.3** Estates**Unit 1.4** Borders and boundaries**Unit 2: The World-system: hegemony and political processes****Unit 2.1** Geopolitical codes and world order**Unit 2.2** Context: decolonization and bipolar system**Unit 2.3** World-system**Unit 3: Analysis and diagnosis of geopolitical processes****Unit 3.1** Political stability**Unit 3.2** Conflict**Unit 4: Geopolitics and natural resources**

7. Activities, Units/Modules and Methodology							
Training Activity	Methodology	Related Competences (only degrees before RD 822/2021)	ECTS	Hours	As	Com	Description
Class Attendance (theory) [ON-SITE]	Lectures	CE04 CE05 CE10 CG03 CG05	1.08	27	N	-	According to the needs, part of the class attendance might be covered using the official tools available.
Class Attendance (practical) [ON-SITE]	Problem solving and exercises	CE05 CG01 CG04 CG05	0.4	10	N	-	The students will carry on practices, readings and debates in class.
Final test [ON-SITE]	Assessment tests	CE04 CE10 CG03 CG04 CG05	0.12	3	Y	Y	The final test includes contents developed on class. Exceptionally it can be scheduled partial evaluations, non-previous, using official tools of the subject. The test combines a questionnaire of multiple choice answers and writing questions. A student must achieve a grade of 4 over 10 points to succeed in the subject. The second exam reproduces this format.
Writing of reports or projects [OFF-SITE]	Combination of methods	CE04 CG01 CG04 CT06	2	50	Y	Y	Digital submission of practice and/or applied works. The task is specified together with a review rubric. The submission platform is Campus Virtual only. There are three deadlines: - Partial submission: during the course (see the calendar). These submissions can be improved on later deadlines. - Ordinary Submission: Full submission of tasks and works. Deadline is the same date scheduled for the final exam. - Extraordinary submission: Full submission of tasks and works. Deadline is the same date scheduled for the final exam of the Extraordinary calling.
Study and Exam Preparation [OFF-SITE]	Combination of methods	CE05 CG01 CG03 CG04 CG05 CT06	2.2	55	N	-	
Progress test [ON-SITE]	Assessment tests	CE04 CE05 CG04	0.2	5	Y	N	
<b>Total:</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>150</b>			
<b>Total credits of in-class work: 1.8</b>			<b>Total class time hours: 45</b>				
<b>Total credits of out of class work: 4.2</b>			<b>Total hours of out of class work: 105</b>				

As: Assessable training activity

Com: Training activity of compulsory overcoming (It will be essential to overcome both continuous and non-continuous assessment).

8. Evaluation criteria and Grading System			
Evaluation System	Continuous assessment	Non-continuous evaluation*	Description
Theoretical exam	60.00%	60.00%	The test combines a questionnaire of multiple choice answers and writing questions. A student must achieve a grade of 4 over 10 points to succeed in the subject
Assessment of problem solving and/or case studies	20.00%	40.00%	The task is specified together with a review rubric. The submission platform is Campus Virtual only. Deadlines are shown in the Planning section.
Progress Tests	20.00%	0.00%	Oral presentations of the results and conceptual debates. Materials and presentations are also valued, as well as the attendance with good use
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

According to art. 4 of the UCLM Student Evaluation Regulations, it must be provided to students who cannot regularly attend face-to-face training activities the passing of the subject, having the right (art. 12.2) to be globally graded, in 2 annual calls per subject, an ordinary and an extraordinary one (evaluating 100% of the competences).

**Evaluation criteria for the final exam:****Continuous assessment:**

Those students unable to follow the course in regular basis should contact the professor to deal an alternative evaluation system.

**Non-continuous evaluation:**

An additional submission will be scheduled for non-continuous evaluation

**Specifications for the resit/retake exam:**

Format of the final text is identical.

Practices and tasks can be improved.

9. Assignments, course calendar and important dates	
Not related to the syllabus/contents	
<b>Hours</b>	<b>hours</b>
Final test [PRESENCIAL][Assessment tests]	3
Writing of reports or projects [AUTÓNOMA][Combination of methods]	50
Study and Exam Preparation [AUTÓNOMA][Combination of methods]	55
Unit 1 (de 4): Geopolitics, Estates and territory	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Class Attendance (theory) [PRESENCIAL][Lectures]	7
Class Attendance (practical) [PRESENCIAL][Problem solving and exercises]	3
Group 40:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 30-01-2024	<b>End date:</b> 28-02-2024
Group 44:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 30-01-2024	<b>End date:</b> 28-02-2024
Group 45:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 30-01-2024	<b>End date:</b> 28-02-2024
<b>Comment:</b> Practice 1 22/02/2023 and submission for continuous evaluation 27/02/2023	
Unit 2 (de 4): The World-system: hegemony and political processes	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Class Attendance (theory) [PRESENCIAL][Lectures]	8
Class Attendance (practical) [PRESENCIAL][Problem solving and exercises]	3
Group 40:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 05-03-2024	<b>End date:</b> 20-03-2024
Group 44:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 05-03-2024	<b>End date:</b> 20-03-2024
Group 45:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 05-03-2024	<b>End date:</b> 20-03-2024
<b>Comment:</b> Practice 2 15/03/2023 and submission for continuous evaluation 28/03/2023	
Unit 3 (de 4): Analysis and diagnosis of geopolitical processes	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Class Attendance (theory) [PRESENCIAL][Lectures]	7
Class Attendance (practical) [PRESENCIAL][Problem solving and exercises]	3
Group 40:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 02-04-2024	<b>End date:</b> 17-04-2024
Group 44:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 02-04-2024	<b>End date:</b> 17-04-2024
Group 45:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 02-04-2024	<b>End date:</b> 17-04-2024
<b>Comment:</b> Practice 3 12/04/2023 and submission for continuous evaluation 18/04/2023	
Unit 4 (de 4): Geopolitics and natural resources	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Class Attendance (theory) [PRESENCIAL][Lectures]	8
Class Attendance (practical) [PRESENCIAL][Problem solving and exercises]	3
Group 40:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 23-04-2024	<b>End date:</b> 15-05-2024
Group 44:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 23-04-2024	<b>End date:</b> 15-05-2024
Group 45:	
<b>Initial date:</b> 23-04-2024	<b>End date:</b> 15-05-2024
<b>Comment:</b> Practice 4 02/05/2023 and submission for continuous evaluation 09/05/2023	
Global activity	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>hours</b>
Class Attendance (practical) [PRESENCIAL][Problem solving and exercises]	12
Class Attendance (theory) [PRESENCIAL][Lectures]	30
Writing of reports or projects [AUTÓNOMA][Combination of methods]	50
Final test [PRESENCIAL][Assessment tests]	3
Study and Exam Preparation [AUTÓNOMA][Combination of methods]	55
<b>Total horas:</b> 150	

10. Bibliography and Sources						
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