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COURSE GUIDE

Political Systems in the Maghreb (21211F1)

Grado (Bachelor's Degree)	Grado en Ciencias Políticas y de la Administración	Branch	Social and Legal Sciences
Module	Magreb y Oriente Próximo	Subject	Sistemas Políticos del Magreb
Year of study	4 ^o	Semester	1 ^o
ECTS Credits	6	Course type	Elective course

PREREQUISITES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A satisfactory level of competence in English is highly recommended to get the most from lectures, seminars, debates and readings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF COURSE CONTENT (According to the programme's verification report)

This course offers an explanation of both the evolution of the political regimes in the region (Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya) and their evolving relations with the European Union and the USA.

Additional Info: The students will be provided with a teaching guide at the beginning of the course with further information about learning outcomes, syllabus, recommended readings, other learning resources, planned teaching activities and form of assessment.

SKILLS

GENERAL SKILLS

- CG01 - Capacity for analysis and synthesis.
- CG02 - Organizational and planning skills.
- CG03 - -
- CG04 - Development of computer skills related to the field of study.
- CG05 - Information management skills.
- CG06 - Problem solving skills.
- CG08 - Ability to work in a team.
- CG09 - Interpersonal relationship skills.
- CG10 - Recognition of diversity and multiculturalism.
- CG11 - Critical thinking skills.
- CG12 - Development of autonomous learning.



- CG13 - Adaptation to new situations.
- CG14 - Ability to develop creative activities.
- CG16 - Knowledge of other cultures and customs.
- CG18 - Motivation for quality.
- CG19 - Development of the ability to carry out a process well based on guidelines.

SUBJECT-SPECIFIC SKILLS

- CE02 - Describe, explain and analyze the structure and functioning of political systems.
- CE03 - Describe, explain and analyze the structure and functioning of political institutions.
- CE04 - Analyze the behavior of political actors and citizens.
- CE09 - Analyze the economic environment and evaluate public financing.
- CE11 - Analyze international and European Union policy.
- CE15 - Use information and communication technologies and analyze their impact on the political system.
- CE16 - Be interested in current theoretical and methodological debates on the need to move towards more pluralistic, integrative and comprehensive approaches in Political Science and Administration.
- CE17 - To acquire a critical and analytical attitude towards political events.
- CE18 - To appreciate the importance of collaborating, participating and getting involved in the analysis of political processes, actors and institutions, as a guideline for the improvement of decision making.
- CE19 - To foster an open, flexible and understanding attitude towards the complex, dynamic, social and ideological nature of politics and public administrations.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Identification of national and international dimensions in the Tunisian, Libyan, Moroccan, Algerian and Mauritanian political processes.
2. Identification of political, economic, social, religious and geopolitical dimensions in the Tunisian, Libyan, Moroccan, Algerian and Mauritanian political processes.
3. Identification of political, economic, social and religious dimensions in the Tunisian, Libyan, Moroccan, Algerian and Mauritanian political processes. Que el estudiante conozca e interprete las dinámicas regionales y la dimensión política internacional del Magreb
4. Identificación de regímenes, cambios de régimen y cambios dentro del régimen en los procesos políticos tunecinos, libaneses, marroquíes, argelinos y mauritanos.

PLANNED LEARNING ACTIVITIES

THEORY SYLLABUS

First Term

1. Tunisian political system, actors, politics and policies
2. Libyan political system, actors, policies and policies

Second Term



3. Moroccan political system, actors, politics and policies
4. Algerian political system, actors, politics and policies
5. Mauritania political system, actors, politics and policies

Mauritanian political system, actors, politics and policies

PRACTICAL SYLLABUS

Electoral process analysis

TED talk

Rol play

Press Review

Reaction Paper

RECOMMENDED READING

ESSENTIAL READING

TUNISIA

Alexis Arieff (2011) “U.S.-Tunisian Relations”, in Political Transition in Tunisia, Congressional Research Services, pp.19-25. <https://www.refworld.org/pdfid/4e96cada2.pdf>

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•ALLAN, Joanna. 2016. "Natural Resources and Intifada: Oil, Phosphates and Resistance to Colonialism in Western Sahara." *Journal of North African Studies* 21 (4):1-22.

•Allan, Joanna; Ojeda-García, Raquel. 2021. "Natural resource exploitation in Western Sahara: new research directions". *The Journal of North African Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/13629387.2021.1917120

•SAUL, Ben. 2015. "The Status of Western Sahara as Occupied Territory under International Humanitarian Law and the Exploitation of Natural Resources." *Global Change, Peace and Security* 27 (3):301-322.

MAURITANIA

•FAKIR, Intissa, O'KEEFE, Abby (2020). "Can Mauritania Protect its Political Stability?". *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. <https://carnegieendowment.org/2020/09/17/can-mauritania-protect-its-political-stability-pub-82735>

•OJEDA-GARCÍA, Raquel, LÓPEZ-RUIZ, Samara (2019), "Mauritania: ¿el fin de la era Abdelaziz?". *Afkar/Ideas*. Verano 2019: 43-46.

ALGERIA

•GHANEM, Dalia (2020). The country's leaders are seeking to put an end to the popular protest movement, but it's just not working. <https://carnegie-mec.org/diwan/83154>

•VOLPIE, Frédéric (2006). "Algeria's pseudo-democratic politics: Lessons for democratization in the Middle East". *Democratization*, 13(3): 442-455.

•ABDERAHMANE, Yacine (2020). "Identity belonging and Constitutional reform in Algeria: Reconciling Ideologies for a Peaceful Transition". *Arab Reform Initiative*. <https://www.arab-reform.net/publication/identity-belonging-and-constitutional-reform-in-algeria-reconciling-ideologies-for-a-peaceful-transition/>



COMPLEMENTARY READING

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IZQUIERDO BRICHS, Ferran (Ed.): Poder y regímenes en Mundo Árabe contemporáneo, Barcelona, CIDOB, Barcelona, 2009. CPS/297 IZQ pod.

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KHADER, Bichara: Europa por el Mediterráneo: de Barcelona a Barcelona (1995-2009), Barcelona,

Icaria, 2009. Centro Doc. Europea CDC/CDE.

LACOMBA, Joan: Emergencia del islamismo en el Magreb: las raíces sociopolíticas de los movimientos islamistas, Madrid, Los Libros de la Catarata, 2000. CPS/961LAC eme



LAMCHICHI, Abderrahim: Islam et contestation au Maghreb, París, L'Harmattan, 1989. CPS/297 LAM isl.

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RECOMMENDED LEARNING RESOURCES/TOOLS

British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cbjm20/current>

Contemporary Arab Affairs

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rcaa20/current>

Journal of Islamic Studies



<https://academic.oup.com/jis>

The Journal of Modern African Studies

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-modern-african-studies>

Mediterranean Politics

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/13629395.asp>

Middle East Policy

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14754967/2018/25/2>

Democratiation

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/fdem20/current>

TEACHING METHODS

- MD01 - Lecture/exhibition
- MD02 - Discussion and debate sessions
- MD03 - Problem solving and case studies
- MD05 - Field practicum
- MD06 - Computer lab practicals
- MD07 - Seminars
- MD08 - Simulation exercises
- MD09 - Analysis of sources and documents
- MD10 - Group work
- MD11 - Individual work

ASSESSMENT METHODS (Instruments, criteria and percentages)

ORDINARY EXAMINATION DIET

First term



- Reflective writing (30%)
- Rol play on Tunisia (10%)
- Press review on Tunisia (10%)
- Reflective writing (30%)
- Role play on Libya (10%)
- Press review on Libya (10%)

Second term

- Reflective writings (3x20%)
- Presentation of the Press Review (20%)
- Participation on the Seminars (20%)

EXTRAORDINARY EXAMINATION DIET

First term

- Press review on Tunisia (10%)
- Press review on Libya (10%)
- Essay on Tunisia or Libya (80%)

Second term

- Essay (70%)
- Press Review (30%)

SINGLE FINAL ASSESSMENT (evaluación única final)

First term

- Press review on Tunisia (10%)
- Press review on Libya (10%)
- Essay on Tunisia or Libya (80%)

Second term

- Essay (70%)
- Press Review (30%)

