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COURSE GUIDE

**Political Systems in the Maghreb (21211F1)**

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| <b>Grado (Bachelor's Degree)</b> | Grado en Ciencias Políticas y de la Administración | <b>Branch</b> | Social and Legal Sciences |
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| <b>Module</b> | Magreb y Oriente Próximo | <b>Subject</b> | Sistemas Políticos del Magreb |
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| <b>Year of study</b> | 4 <sup>o</sup> | <b>Semester</b> | 1 <sup>o</sup> | <b>ECTS Credits</b> | 6 | <b>Course type</b> | Elective course |
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**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 of regimes, regime changes and changes within the regime in the Tunisian, Libyan, Moroccan, Algerian and Mauritanian political processes.

### PLANNED LEARNING ACTIVITIES

#### THEORY SYLLABUS

##### First Term

1. Moroccan political system, actors, politics and policies
2. Mauritania political system, actors, politics and policies
3. Algerian political system, actors, politics and policies

##### Second Term



3. Tunisian political system, actors, politics and policies
4. Libyan political system, actors, policies 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>  
Brieg Tomos Powel (2008) From Democracy to Stability: European Union Democracy Promotion in Tunisia 1995-2007, pp. 186-213: <https://ore.exeter.ac.uk/repository/bitstream/handle/10036/73634/PowelB.pdf?sequence=1>  
Issandr El Amrani (2012), "The US Response to the Arab Uprising: Part of the Problem?", in Riccardo Alcaro and Miguel Haubrich-Seco (eds) Re-thinking Western Policies in Light of the Arab Uprising: [http://www.iai.it/sites/default/files/iairp\\_04.pdf](http://www.iai.it/sites/default/files/iairp_04.pdf)  
Silvia Colombo and Nathalie Tocci (2012), "The EU Response to the Arab Uprising; Old Wine in New Bottles?", in Riccardo Alcaro and Miguel Haubrich-Seco (eds) Re-thinking Western Policies in Light of the Arab Uprising: [http://www.iai.it/sites/default/files/iairp\\_04.pdf](http://www.iai.it/sites/default/files/iairp_04.pdf)  
Cecil, Charles O. (1965) "The Determinants of Libyan Foreign Policy", *Middle East Journal*, 19 (1). <https://search.proquest.com/docview/1290785693/fulltextPDF/65F9795244654AC8PQ/1?accountid=14542>

#### LIBYA

George Joffé & Emanuela Paoletti (2011) "The foreign policy process in Libya", *The Journal of North African Studies*, 16 (2): 183-213  
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Mikah Zenko (2016) "The Big Lie About the Libyan War", *Foreign policy*. <https://foreignpolicy.com/2016/03/22/libya-and-the-myth-of-humanitarian-intervention/>  
Alan Kuperman (2013) "Lessons from Libya: How Not to Intervene", *Quarterly Journal: International Security*, <https://www.belfercenter.org/publication/lessons-libya-how-not-intervene>  
Shadi Hamid (2016) "Everyone says the Libya intervention as a failure. They're wrong", *Brookings*. <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/markaz/2016/04/12/everyone-says-the-libya-intervention-was-a-failure-theyre-wrong>

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• 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-RUÍZ, 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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AMOUR, Philipp O. (Ed.): The Regional Order in the Gulf Region and the Middle East, Nueva York Palgrave Macmillan, 2020. Pedido a Biblioteca 8-VII-2020

AZAOLA, Bárbara, DESRUES, Thierry, De LARRAMENDI, Miguel Hernando, PLANET, Ana y RAMÍREZ, Ángeles (Eds): Cambio, crisis y movilizaciones en el Mediterráneo Occidental, Granada, Comares, 2022. CPS/926.21 AZA cam.

CAMAU, Michel (Dir.): Changements politiques au Maghreb (Extrait de l'Annuaire de L'Afrique du Nord), París, Editions du Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, 1991. CPS/323.1 CHA cha.

CAMAU, Michel y VAIREL, Frédéric (S.d.): Soulèvements et recompositions politiques dans le monde arabe, Montreal, les Presses de l'Université de Montréal, Montreal, 2014. CPS 323.2 CAM sou.

DE LARRAMENDI, Miguel Hernando y LOPEZ GARCIA, Bernabé (Coor.): Sistemas políticos del Magreb actual, Madrid, Mapfre, 1996. CPS/321 SIS sis.

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FLORENSA, Senén (Dir.): The Arab spring in comparative perspective. Barcelona, IEMed, 2015. CPS/297 FLO ara

GONZÁLEZ DEL MIÑO, Paloma, Tres años de revoluciones árabes, Madrid, La Catarata, 2014. FLA/HCO/297 TRE tre

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GUTIÉRREZ DE TERÁN GÓMEZ-BENITA, Ignacio, Las revoluciones árabes. Relato de un proceso en desarrollo, Madrid, Editorial Síntesis, 2017.

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



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IZQUIERDO BRICHS, Ferran (Coord.); Islam político en el Mediterráneo: transformaciones y adaptación en un contexto cambiante, Revista CIDOB d’Affers Intenationals, nº 93-94, 2011.  
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POSUSNEY, Marsha Pripstein y ANGRIST, Michele Penner: Authoritarianism in the Midlle East: regimes and resistence, Lynne Rienner Publishers. Boulder, Londres, 2005. CPS/956 AUT ant.  
ROMANET PERROUX, Jean-Louis: “The Deep Roots of Libya’s Security Fragmentation”, Middle Eastern Studies, 2019, 55:2, 200-224.  
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SZMOLKA, Inmaculada (Ed.): Political Change in Middle East and North Africa. After the Arab Spring, Edinburgh, Edinburgh University Press, 2017. CPS 297 SZM pol  
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VOLPI, Frédéric : Revolution and Autoritarianism in North Africa, Londres, Hurst &Company, 2017. CPS 961 VOL rev  
ZOUBIR, Yahia y AMIRAH FERNANDEZ, Haizam (Coords): El Magreb. Realidades nacionales y dinámicas regionales. Editorial Síntesis, Madrid, 2008.CPS/961 ZOU mag.  
ZOUBIR, Yahia y AMIRAH FERNANDEZ, Haizam (Eds.): North Africa: politics, region and the limits of transformation, Londres, Routledge, 2008. CPS/961 ZOU nor.



**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**

The course consists of two terms. Class attendance is compulsory in both terms. However, a special evaluation system (evaluación única final) is established for students who do not attend classes regularly and are authorised by the Department of Political Science and Administration.

Evaluation System for students attending class (Ordinary Evaluation)

First term assignments are as follows:

- (Theory) Reflective writing: written exercise representing 60% of the first term grade. The grade for this exercise ranges from 0 to 6.
- (Practice) Press Review: oral presentation of written exercise representing 20% of the first term grade. The grade for this exercise ranges from 0 to 2.
- (Practice) Participation on the Seminars: oral presentation of written exercise representing 20% of the first term grade. The grade for this exercise ranges from 0 to 2.

In order to pass the term, students must get a grade equal to or higher than 5 points out of 10, irrespective of whether that result stems from theoretical or practical assignments.



Second term assignments are as follows:

- (Theory) Reflective writing: written exercise representing 60% of the second term grade. The grade for this exercise ranges from 0 to 6.
- (Practice) Press review: oral presentation of written exercise representing 20% of the second term grade. The grade for this exercise ranges from 0 to 2.
- (Practice) Contribution to role play activities: oral presentation of written exercise representing 20% of the second term grade. The grade for this exercise ranges from 0 to 2.

In order to pass the term, students must get a grade equal to or higher than 5 points out of 10, irrespective of whether that result stems from theoretical or practical assignments

If both terms are passed, the final grade will be the average grade obtained in both terms.

### EXTRAORDINARY EXAMINATION DIET

Evaluation System for students attending class

The conditions for the demonstration of competencies and grading in the extraordinary assessment are the same as in the ordinary assessment.

First term assignments are as follows:

- (Theory) Reflective writing: written exercise representing 60% of the first term grade. The grade for this exercise ranges from 0 to 6.
- (Practice) Press Review: oral presentation of written exercise representing 20% of the first term grade. The grade for this exercise ranges from 0 to 2.
- (Practice) Participation on the Seminars: oral presentation of written exercise representing 20% of the first term grade. The grade for this exercise ranges from 0 to 2.

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In order to pass the term, students must get a grade equal to or higher than 5 points out of 10, irrespective of whether that result stems from theoretical or practical assignments

If both terms are passed, the final grade will be the average grade obtained in both terms.

### SINGLE FINAL ASSESSMENT (evaluación única final)

In order to pass the course, students who do not attend class regularly must pass an exam. The exam consists of a battery of questions related to the political systems of Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya. To prepare for the exam, students should study the recommended readings for each term, which are listed in PRADO.

The test includes four questions. Two refer to the first term and two refer to the second term. In each block, one question will be theoretical and one will be a practical application of the theory. Theoretical questions will have a maximum mark of 3 out of 10. Practical questions will have a maximum mark of 2 out of 10.

To pass the exam, the student must obtain at least 5 points out of 10 in total. The value of the exam is 100% of the final mark.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The subject Political Systems of the Maghreb allows the development of skills required for analyst work in NGOs, think tanks and consultancy, among other sectors. To learn more about this subject, we recommend reading the following article:

<https://revistas.ucm.es/index.php/POSO/article/view/90497>

The University of Granada publishes a guide of career opportunities for all degrees aimed at students. In the following link you can read the Guide to Political Science and Administration. Particularly interesting are the sections: Professional fields, Occupations and Job prospects. Guide of professional opportunities in Political Science and Administration:

<https://empleo.ugr.es/salidasprofesionales/grados/ciencias-politicas-y-administracion/>

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**ORIENTACIÓN Y AYUDA A ESTUDIANTES:**

Oficina de Prevención y Respuesta ante el Acoso de la UGR (OPRA): <https://www.ugr.es/info/perfiles/estudiantes/atencion-social-igualdad-inclusion-sostenibilidad/igualdad-prevencion-respuesta-acoso>

Unidad de Igualdad y Conciliación de la UGR: <https://viis.ugr.es/areas/igualdad-conciliacion>  
Gabinete Psicopedagógico/

Unidad de Orientación Académica de la UGR: <https://ve.ugr.es/secretariados-y-unidades/orientacion>

Servicio de Asistencia Estudiantil de la UGR: <https://ve.ugr.es/servicios/asistencia-estudiantil/>  
Información de interés para estudiantado con discapacidad y/o Necesidades Específicas de Apoyo Educativo (NEAE): [Gestión de servicios y apoyos \(https://ve.ugr.es/servicios/atencion-social/estudiantes-con-discapacidad\)](https://ve.ugr.es/servicios/atencion-social/estudiantes-con-discapacidad).

