

Course title	<i>Spanish Political System</i>
Credits	6
University	Universidad Complutense Madrid
Language of the course	English
Learning outcomes	<p>LO1 The student will be able to understand different disciplinary approaches to European Studies, including the way in which the different disciplines interact and enrich each other, so that they can grasp the richness of disciplinary perspectives on Europe and reflect on the added-value of multidisciplinary knowledge to understand Europe. LO2 The student is able to understand the fundamental aspects and values of the European Union and European integration as well as of European states and societies, which allows students to grasp the multi-dimensional issues, interests and ideas that are necessary to understand Europe as a political, economic, cultural and societal process in past and present times. LO4 The student will be able to grasp the need for a general knowledge of different conceptual, theoretical and methodological perspectives to analyze and understand the European Union, and consequently, utilize means of comparison to answer to which degree similarities and differences across Europe exist, and how they define Europe at large.</p>
Course objectives	<p>At the end of this course students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquire the theoretical and methodological tools for studying, understanding and knowing the Spanish political system. • Acquire the knowledge and capabilities for analyzing the Spanish political reality with the conceptual tools provided by Political Science.
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The concept of Political System. Components and dynamics. • The Franco's Dictatorship and the political transition to democracy. • The consolidation of Spanish democracy. • Institutions and authorities of the Spanish political system. • Spain in the political system of the European Union and the world.
Work format(s)	<p>Lecture</p> <p>Teaching will consist of a combination of formats i.e. : lectures, hands- on workshops, responsive teaching classes, case reports</p> <p>Students are expected to be present, demonstrate active participation during contact hours and prepare courses in case of responsive teaching sessions</p>
Manner of assessment	<p>Written examination, students' autonomous works and active participation.</p> <p>The written exam will count for the 30% -50% of the final grade. The grade of the exercises (including reading reports, oral presentations, and essays) will count between 40% and 50% of the final grade. Active participation (including participation in activities such as conferences and seminars among others) will count for 10%-20% of the final grade.</p>
Literature (required/ recommended)	Handouts, reader, medialinks, video materials, case reports.