

## COURSE: CONTEMPORARY SPAIN: SOCIETY AND INSTITUTIONS

<b>Language</b>	Spanish
<b>Level of Spanish required</b>	Intermediate (or above)
<b>Hours of class</b>	45 hrs.
<b>Credits</b>	6 ECTS

### Course description

The subject allows students to get acquainted with the current diversity of Spain through its natural regions and its local autonomous regions; to study the road to democracy through the political process of transition; analyze the Spanish Constitution and its current institutions, as well as getting to know current Spanish society through some of its most representative aspects: its people, the economy and its culture.

### Methodology

In keeping with the course objectives, the teaching methodology in this course is based on student interaction. The lecturers will present topics using as many resources as possible to support their explanations, including power point presentations, videos and photocopies. The main objective is for students to have as much information as possible so that they can attain the initial objectives by the end of the course: to develop greater understanding of the social and institutional reality in Spain at the present time.



### Assessment

Attendance and participation in class: 20%

Mid-term exam: 40%

Final exam: 40%

The assessment will consist of written exercise with two options:

Presentation on one of the subjects explained in class (or) answers to a series of questions.

### Syllabus

1. Presentation and introduction: Spain in its stereotypes
2. Understanding current Spain:
  - 2.1. Natural diversity
  - 2.2. Economic diversity

- 2.3. Cultural and artistic diversity
- 2.4. Conflict
- 2.5. Change
  
3. Understanding current Spain through its main problems
  - 3.1. Unequal development, ageing population, social exclusion and unemployment, youth
  - 3.2. Understanding current Spain through its main problems
  - 3.3. Unequal development, ageing population, social exclusion and unemployment, youth
  
4. Approaching current Spain through its territorial political organization
  - 4.1. Northern region
  - 4.2. Mediterranean region and islands
  - 4.3. Center region
  
5. Summary



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