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HISTORIA CONTEMPORÁNEA DE ESPAÑA HS334

DESCRIPTION:

The course provides a general overview of the history of 20th century Spain. Classes are organized in two sections. The first section deals with the history of Spain from Medieval times to the dictatorship of Primo de Rivera (1923-1930). The second section covers the period 1931-present, with particular attention to the following topics:

- The Spanish Civil War
 - Franco's dictatorship
 - Basque, Catalan and Spanish nationalisms
 - The relations between the United States and Spain
- (3 credits)

PREREQUISITES:

none

LANGUAGE OF PRESENTATION:

Spanish

PROFESSOR:

J. GRAU, PHD

STUDENT OUTCOMES:

By the end of the course students should be able to:

- acquire a basic knowledge of the political evolution of Spain from the Middle Ages to the present day;
- identify the main social groups, political parties and historical figures of contemporary Spain;
- analyze the relations between the governments of United States and Spain in the 20th century;
- criticize and evaluate the research papers of their classmates.

LEARNING MEANS:

Students will acquire the knowledge and the skills of this course through the following means:

1. **Homework**, which includes reading the reader's articles, writing summaries of the field studies and writing critiques of other students' papers, etc.
2. **Lectures** in which the instructor will provide the basic information of every topic. They will be a complement to the course readings.
3. **Research a topic** related to history of Spain during the period 1931-present. In order to produce a **paper** of a high quality, the topic each student will choose should be related to his or her major or minor.
4. **Class discussions** on the readings.
5. **Instructor-guided town visits.**

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT:

The final grade will be determined as follows:

- **Participation** (25%). It includes both participation in class discussions and all kinds of homework. By these two activities the instructor can evaluate the students' level of responsibility, discipline and interest in the course.
- **Paper** of 2000 words about a topic related to the period 1931-1975 (25%). It allows the instructor to evaluate the students' skills as researchers and academic writers.
- **Oral presentation** of the content of the paper (5%). It consists of giving a short talk of no more than five minutes and answering the questions asked by the classmates.

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- **Midterm exam**, which cover sessions 1 to 9 (20%). Both this exam and the final exam both consist of seven short questions (5-10 lines), in which students will have to demonstrate their writing skills and their knowledge of the basic data from the readings and the lectures.
- **Final exam**, which cover sessions 11 to 24 (25%) and has the same format as the midterm.

Also, during the course the instructor will regularly give feedback to the students about their learning process. This will be done in the classroom, either orally or through comments written in their short assignments and exams.

COURSE CONTENT

SESSION 1	Jan. 22, 2008	Class content: Spain from the Middle Ages to the Early Modern era Required readings: none
SESSION 2	Jan. 24, 2008	Class content: The crisis of the Ancient Regime (1808-1833) Required readings: Espadas and Urquijo, <i>Historia de España</i> , 39-59
SESSION 3	Jan. 29, 2008	Class content: The making of Liberal Spain (1833-1868) Required readings: None.
SESSION 4	Jan. 31, 2008	Class content: The Restoration system (1868-1898) Required readings: Riquer, <i>Escolta, Espanya</i> , 35-58
SESSION 5	Feb. 5, 2008	Class content: Scenes of the 19 th century in Barcelona Required readings: Hughes, <i>Barcelona</i> , pages to be determined Activity: field study
SESSION 6	Feb. 7, 2008	Class content: The crisis of the Restoration system (1898-1923) Required readings: Preston, <i>La guerra civil española</i> , 29-46
SESSION 7	Feb. 12, 2008	Class content: The dictatorship of Primo de Rivera (1923-1931) Required readings: Beevor, <i>La guerra civil española</i> , 15-28
SESSION 8	Feb. 14, 2008	Class content: sum up session Required readings: none Activity: field study
SESSION 9	Feb. 19, 2008	Class content: Women in contemporary Spain Required readings: Nash, <i>Rojas</i> , 35-63
SESSION 10	Feb. 21, 2008	Class content: midterm exam
SESSION 11	Feb. 26, 2008	Class content: The Second Republic (1931-1936) Required readings: Esdaile, <i>La quiebra del liberalismo</i> , 276-294
SESSION 12	Feb. 28, 2008	Class content: The war of Spain (1936-1939) Required readings: Balfour, "España desde 1931 hasta hoy", 260-273
SESSION 13	Mar. 4, 2008	Class content: Scenes of the war in Barcelona Required readings: Orwell, <i>Homenaje a Cataluña</i> , 28-36; Borkenau, <i>El reñidero español</i> , 55-59, 138-150 Activity: field study
SESSION 14	Mar. 6, 2008	Class content: A war within the war Required readings: Melción Mateu, <i>Nueva York y nuestra Guerra Civil</i> (2 pages)

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SESSION 15	Mar. 11, 2008	Class content: Life in Barcelona during wartime Required readings: Solé Sabaté, Villarroya, <i>España en llamas</i> , 170-186 Activity: field study
SESSION 16	Mar. 13, 2008	Class content: The blue period. The first years of Franco's dictatorship (1939-1945) Required readings: Preston, <i>La guerra civil española</i> , 308-324
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SESSION 17	Mar. 25, 2008	Class content: From Hitler to Ike. The consolidation of Franco's regime (1945-1959) Required readings: Liedtke, "España y los Estados Unidos", 179-193
SESSION 18	Mar. 27, 2008	Class content: Prosperity and downfall of Francoism (1959-1975) Required readings: Payne, "La política", 259-285
SESSION 19	Apr. 1, 2008	Class content: Transition or transaction? The road to a constitutional system (1975-1982) Required readings: Viñas, "Rompiendo las cadenas del pasado", 194-209
SESSION 20	Apr. 3, 2008	Class content: Spain after Franco (1982-2008) Required readings: Balfour, "España desde 1931 hasta hoy", 283-291
SESSION 21	Apr. 8, 2008	Class content: oral presentations Required readings: none
SESSION 22	Apr. 10, 2008	Class content: oral presentations Required readings: none
SESSION 23	Apr. 15, 2008	Class content: History and collective identity Required readings: Aguilar, <i>Memoria y olvido de la Guerra Civil</i> , 188-208 Activity: field study
SESSION 24	Apr. 17, 2008	Class content: sum up session Required readings: none
FINAL EXAM*	Apr. 22, 2008	Final Exam

LIST OF SELF-GUIDED VISITS, FIELD STUDIES, CLASSES ON SITE, GUEST SPEAKERS OR FILM VIEWINGS

SESSION	DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
SESSION 5	Feb. 5, 2008	Field study	Scenes of the 19 th century in Barcelona
SESSION 8	Feb. 14, 2008	Field study	Museu d'Història de Catalunya
SESSION 13	Mar. 4, 2008	Field study	Scenes of the war in Barcelona
SESSION 14	Mar. 6, 2008	Film discussion	Discussion of the film <i>Land and Freedom</i>
SESSION 15	Mar. 11, 2008	Field study	Bomb shelter
SESSION 23	Apr. 15, 2008	Field study	Museu d'Història de Catalunya

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REQUIRED READINGS

- Aguilar, P. (1996), *Memoria y olvido de la Guerra Civil*: 188-208. Madrid: Alianza.
- Balfour, S. (2001), España desde 1931 hasta hoy. In Carr, R. (ed.), *Historia de España*: 260-273 y 283-291. Barcelona: Península.
- Beevor, Anthony (2005), *La guerra civil española*: 15-28. Barcelona: Crítica.
- Borkenau, Franz (1977). *El reñidero español*: 55-59, 138-150. Barcelona: Ibérica de Ediciones y Publicaciones.
- Esdaille, C. (2001), *La quiebra del liberalismo*: 276-294. Barcelona: Crítica.
- Espadas Burgos, Manuel and Urquijo Goitia, José Ramón (1990). *Historia de España*: 39-59. Madrid: Gredos.
- Hughes, Robert (2002). *Barcelona*: pages to be determined. Barcelona: Anagrama.
- Liedtke, B. (2002). España y Estados Unidos, 1945-1975, In Preston, Paul and Balfour, Sebastian (eds.), *España y las grandes potencias en el siglo XX*: 179-193. Barcelona: Crítica.
- Mateu, Melción, Nueva York y nuestra Guerra Civil, *Culturas* (supplement of *La Vanguardia*), 8 August 2007.
- Nash, Mary (1999), *Rojas. Las mujeres republicanas en la guerra civil*: 35-63. Madrid: Taurus.
- Preston, Paul (2006), *La guerra civil española*: 29-46, 308-324. Barcelona: Debate.
- Orwell, G. (1983), *Homenaje a Cataluña*: 28-36. Barcelona: Ariel.
- Riquer, B. de (2001), *Escolta, Espanya. La cuestión catalana en la época liberal*: 35-58. Madrid: Marcial Pons.
- Solé Sabaté, J.M., Villarroja, J. (2003), *España en llamas. La guerra civil desde el aire*: 170-186. Madrid: Temas de Hoy.
- Payne, S. (2000). La política, In J.P. Fusi (et al.), *Franquismo. El juicio de la historia*: 259-285. Madrid: Temas de Hoy.
- Viñas, A. (2002). Rompiendo las cadenas del pasado. La política exterior española de Franco a Felipe González, In Preston, Paul and Balfour, Sebastian (eds.), *España y las grandes potencias en el siglo XX*: 194-209. Barcelona: Crítica.

RECOMMENDED READINGS

- Carr, Raymond (1992), *España 1808-1975*. Barcelona: Ariel.
- Fox, Iman (1997), *La invención de España. Nacionalismo liberal e identidad nacional*. Madrid: Cátedra.
- Fusi, Juan Pablo (2000), *España. La evolución de la identidad nacional*. Temas de Hoy: Madrid.
- Fusi, Juan P. y Palafox, Jordi (1997), *España: 1808-1996. El desafío de la modernidad*. Madrid: Espasa Calpe.
- Granja, José L. de la; Beramendi, Justo y Anguera, Pere (2001), *La España de los nacionalismos y las autonomías*. Madrid: Síntesis.
- Jackson, Gabriel (1999), *La República Española y la Guerra Civil*. Barcelona: Crítica.
- Juliá, Santos (1999), *Un siglo de España: política y sociedad*, Madrid, Marcial Pons, 1999.
- Malefakis, Enrique (1996), *La guerra de España 1936-1939*. Madrid: Taurus.
- Moradiellos, Enrique (2000), *La España de Franco (1939-1975). Política y sociedad*. Madrid: Síntesis.

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Shubert, Adrian (1991), *Historia social de España (1800-1990)*. Madrid: Nerea.

Townson, Nigel, ed. (1994), *El republicanismo en España (1830-1977)*. Madrid: Alianza Editorial.

Tuñón de Lara, Manuel (1985), *El movimiento obrero en la Historia de España*. Madrid: Sarpe.

Tusell, Javier (1998-1999), *Historia de España en el siglo XX* (4 volúmenes). Madrid: Taurus