

Migration and Society

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Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2501002 Geography and Spatial Planning	OT	3	0
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Use of Languages

Principal working language: english (eng)
Some groups entirely in English: Yes
Some groups entirely in Catalan: No
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Other comments on languages

In this course, the working language is English. However, along the term, some reading in Spanish, Catalan or other languages might be suggested.

Prerequisites

Students must have passed all the subjects related to the first and second academic years of their graduate degrees.

In addition, during the first week of term, students are recommended to demonstrate that they have already acquired, at least, a B2 level in English language (at oral, read and written levels) in order to be able to participate in activities of the Migration & Society course.

This is a second semester subject of the academic year 2019-2020 that will be generally developed through presentational activities (physical assistance and participation of students is required both in the classroom of the Faculty and outdoors). In addition, the virtual campus (Moodle) can be used as a complementary educational tool.

Objectives and Contextualisation

This subject mainly aims to offer conceptual and theoretical tools for the study of human migration movements and settlements. In addition, along the term, some relevant characteristics of the most relevant (international and internal) migration flows and stocks will be approached.

During the course, Europe will be the main territory of reference. However, the general world context will also be taken into account along the term. At the national and regional levels, special attention will be paid to the case of Spain as a whole and, in particular, to the autonomous community of Catalonia.

Other objectives of this course include developing students capacity for autonomous work and, within this context, contributing to achieve scientific and humanistic rigour in the study of human migration.

Competences

Geography and Spatial Planning

- Analysing and interpreting demographic problems.
- Developing analysis, summary and communication strategies in order to communicate Geography in educational settings.
- Respecting the diversity and plurality of ideas, people and situations.
- Students must be capable of collecting and interpreting relevant data (usually within their area of study) in order to make statements that reflect social, scientific or ethical relevant issues.
- Summarising and communicating geographical problems to the media.

Learning Outcomes

1. Classifying problems related to the various demographic phenomena.
2. Contrast and compare different interpretations of demographic and migratory phenomena.
3. Contrasting and comparing relevant geographical data.
4. Contrasting and comparing the different interpretations of the demographic and migratory phenomena in educational settings.
5. Develop critical thinking and reasoning and communicate ideas effectively, both in the mother tongue and in other languages.
6. Engaging in geographical debates respecting the other participants' opinions.
7. Explaining to the media the geographical problems related to the migration process.
8. Explore demographic phenomena on different regional scales and look for patterns of behaviour.
9. Respect diversity in ideas, people and situations.

Content

1. Introduction to migration studies: Basic concepts.
2. Theoretical approaches to human migration.
3. Data and information sources as well as techniques of analysis in migration studies.
4. Population settlement and migration movements. Approaching Spain as a whole and Catalonia in particular.
5. International migration in Europe within the global context.

Methodology

This is a mainly presential course that includes on-site face-to-face activities (it needs physical presence), but it includes some on-line activities too. The contents of the subject will be mainly developed as follows:

- Along the term, students should listen to the indications made by the lecturer in the classroom and read the various materials published by the lecturer on the virtual campus (Moodle) as well as, when appropriate, students should send feedback to the lecturer.

- During the classes on Bellaterra campus, students should listen to the oral explanations of the lecturer in the classroom and, when relevant, participate.

- Along the term, students should read the academic books, scientific journal articles, etc. indicated by the lecturer. In addition, students should make an effort in order to put their bibliographic research abilities into practice.

- Along the term, students should pay attention to the indications provided by the lecturer regarding the course essay, the written exams, the fieldwork and the oral presentations, among other activities.

- During the indicated periods, students should participate in the debates organised in the classroom as well as in the forums that will be open on the virtual campus (Moodle).

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Indications for carrying out practical exercises and exploratory fieldwork visits (including posterior field reports) as well as for participating in debates both in the classroom of the Faculty and in on-line forums (on Moodle)	26	1.04	3, 2, 4, 7
Indications for preparing and doing the written exams (2 parts) regarding the contents of the subject	12	0.48	1, 3, 4, 7
Type: Supervised			
Indications and comments for preparing an individual essay based on a exploratory research on human migration and society	5	0.2	1, 3, 4
Type: Autonomous			
Students reading: academic books, scientific journal articles and reports, among other publications. This reading will be useful for the written exams, the essay, etc.	60	2.4	3, 4
Students reading: indications, news, etc. that will be suggested by the lecturer in the classroom (or in other places on campus and surroundings) and/or published in the virtual campus (Moodle)	15	0.6	3

Assessment

EVALUATION

* The main activities (and the percentages regarding the global qualification) are the following:

1) Written exams (20%): the individual written exams will assess the content of this course, focusing on basic geographical concepts and key issues. The exams are composed by two parts (10% each). These exams will take place in the classroom, i.e. they require physical presence. The one and only language of the exams will be English.

2) Written introduction to the course the essay (10%): the topic and the places to be studied in the essay have to be agreed with the lecturer during the early weeks of the term. In addition, a written course essay and oral presentation of its summary in the classroom (30%) will be developed: the individual essay will consist of a comparative research focused on international and internal migration in two places (municipalities, regions or countries) located in Europe. The essay will mainly be based on an academic literature review (including books, scientific journal articles, etc.) as well as statistical and cartographical work. At the end of the term, a brief oral presentation of the essay will be offered by the students with the support of a power point file. The one and only language of the essays will also be English.

3) Practical exercises (10%) that will take place on Bellaterra campus and that require physical presence.

4) Exploratory fieldworks and reports (15%): the exploratory fieldworks will take place on Bellaterra campus and in surroundings areas (e.g. Badia del Vallès town and Bellaterra village). Thus it requires physical presence. Posteriorly, a written report based on that experience should be submitted to the lecturer.

5) Participation in face-to-face debates, on-line forums, reviews, assignments and/or other exercises (15%).

-The evaluation will be continuous, most activities require physical presence on Bellaterra campus and some additional activities will be on-line via the virtual campus (Moodle). For instance, there will be in-class practical exercises/assignments, exploratory fieldworks, written exams and an oral presentation in the classroom as well as homework, participation, written essays and assessments.

-The student will have a 'no evaluable' as a final grade if s/he hands in 0% of the course tasks. In other words, if the student does more than a 0% of the tasks s/he will be assessed.

-All activities have a deadline that must be met strictly, according to the proposed schedule. For all the activities, the working language is English.

-The student must take into account the news and information published on the Virtual Campus (Moodle) at least on a weekly basis. Usually, the two days devoted to on-line activities will be Tuesdays and Thursdays.

-To pass the subject students need a 5 (minimum) as a global final mark.

VERY IMPORTANT: Partial or total plagiarising will immediately result in a FAIL (0) for the plagiarised exercise (first-year subjects) or the WHOLE SUBJECT (second-, third- and fourth-year subjects). PLAGIARISING consists of copying text from unacknowledged sources -whether this is part of a sentence or a whole text- with the intention of passing it off as the student's own production. It includes cutting and pasting from Internet sources, presented unmodified in the student's own text. Plagiarising is a SERIOUS OFFENCE. Students must respect authors' intellectual property, always identifying the sources they may use; they must also be responsible for the originality and authenticity of their own texts.

RESIT:

-Resit will be offered to those students who did a continuous and on-site course and failed or did not hand just a few of the assignments or failed one of the exams. Some of the tasks cannot be re-evaluated (e.g. participation).

-Resit will consist in a written exam, which will contain all the content given throughout the course, as well as other exercises, essays, fieldworks, reports, etc. that were wrong or were not submitted during the evaluation period.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
1st part of the exam	10%	1	0.04	3, 2
2nd part of the exam	10%	1	0.04	1, 2, 4
Final essay based on an exploratory research on human migration and society	30%	15	0.6	1, 3, 4, 8
Introductory essay related to the exploratory research on human migration and society	10%	5	0.2	1, 3, 4
Practical exercises, field report and forum participation	40% (10%+15%+15%)	10	0.4	2, 5, 7, 6, 9

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Frontera Norte

International Migration

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