

28303 - Geographical thought: conceptual and methodological evolution

Syllabus Information

Academic Year: 2019/20

Subject: 28303 - Geographical thought: conceptual and methodological evolution

Faculty / School: 103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras

Degree: 419 - Degree in Geography and Land Management

ECTS: 6.0

Year: 1

Semester: First semester

Subject Type: Compulsory

Module: ---

1.General information

1.1.Aims of the course

1.2.Context and importance of this course in the degree

1.3.Recommendations to take this course

2.Learning goals

2.1.Competences

2.2.Learning goals

2.3.Importance of learning goals

3.Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

3.1.Assessment tasks (description of tasks, marking system and assessment criteria)

4.Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

4.1.Methodological overview

The methodology followed in this course is oriented towards achievement of the learning objectives. A wide range of teaching and learning tasks are implemented, such as lectures, practical exercises, individual and group tasks, guided tasks, field work, autonomous work and study.

Students are expected to participate actively in the class throughout the semester.

Classroom materials will be available via Moodle. These include a repository of the lecture notes used in class, the course syllabus, as well as other course-specific learning materials.

4.2.Learning tasks

The course includes the following learning tasks:

- Lectures (45 hours)
- Practice sessions (10 hours). Individual and/or group tasks
- Guided tasks (34 hours)
- Autonomous work and study (58 hours)
- Assessment tasks (3 hours)

4.3.Syllabus

The course will address the following topics:

- Topic 0. Introduction
- Topic 1. Building one science: construction stages of Geography.
 - 1.1. The origins of Geography and its relationship to the Cartography. From the Old Age to the Scientific Revolution.
 - 1.2. The precursors of Modern Geography: the naturalistic approach.
 - 1.3. Modern Geography: Determinism, Possibilism ...
 - 1.4. Epistemological revolutions in the second half of the twentieth century.
 - 1.5. The answers to the Neopositivism in Geography.
 - 1.6. New Trends.
- Topic 2. Fields of geographic knowledge: Physical Geography, Human Geography and Regional Geography.
- Topic 3. Main concepts in Geography.
- Topic 4. Geography and Science
 - 4.1. The role of the Geography in the Science.
 - 4.2. Methods of Analysis in Geography.

4.4. Course planning and calendar

The course is divided into four sections. The first section includes the first topic -construction stages of Geography-; it runs during the first six weeks of the semester. The second section includes the topic 2 -presentation of the different study fields of Geography- and runs during the following two weeks. The third section covers the main concepts about Geography and develops during one week, and the fourth section includes the role of Geography in the Science, and runs during one or two weeks.

Further information concerning the timetable, classroom, office hours, assessment dates and other details regarding this course will be provided on the first day of class or please refer to the Facultad de Filosofía y Letras website (<https://fyl.unizar.es/horario-de-clases#overlay-context=horario-de-clases>)

4.5. Bibliography and recommended resources

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