

## COURSE: CONTEMPORARY SPAIN: GEOGRAPHY, SOCIETY AND INSTITUTIONS II

<b>Language</b>	Spanish
<b>Minimum level of Spanish language required</b>	From Intermediate
<b>Hours of instruction</b>	45 h
<b>Credits</b>	6 ECTS

### Course description

The main aim of the course is to provide an overview of the physical and natural environment of Spain, and then to study its territory in relation to the social sphere and the economy nationally and regionally. Firstly, we will analyse the country's physical and human geography. Secondly, Spain's current diversity will be explained through its natural regions and its autonomous communities; and the path to democracy through the process of democratic transition. Students will analyse the Spanish Constitution and current institutions, and find out about current Spanish society through some of the most representative aspects, such as: population, economy or culture.



### Methodology

Each session will be comprised of a presentation made by the lecturer to introduce the topic, which will then be studied using maps, graphics and texts, which students will work on in groups actively in the same classroom, clarifying and resolving with the lecturer any questions about the material or topic.

The main aim is for the student to access as much information as possible and, at the end of the course, achieve the initial objectives, that is, better and deeper understanding of the geographic, social and institutional reality of Spain today.

### Assessment system

Attendance and participation in class: 40%

Examination: 30%

Course work: 30%

### Programme

- Geography
  - Spanish population and society: structure and demographic dynamics and history.
  - The main demographic regions of Spain.
  - The administrative structure: autonomous communities, provinces and municipalities.
  - Agriculture.
  - Fishing.
  - Mining and industry.
  - Tourism and services.
  - Diversity and regional contrasts.

- Society and institutions
  - Foreign relations
  - The current Spanish economy and the welfare state
  - Spanish culture today

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