

## **Course GA-03 REGIONAL POLITICS, ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND BUSINESS RELATIONS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Lecturer: Dr. Javier Navarro Luna [janalu@us.es](mailto:janalu@us.es)

Back-up Lecturer: Víctor García Lietor e-mail;  
[auladesostenibilidad@us.es](mailto:auladesostenibilidad@us.es)

### **45 CONTACT HOURS/3 SEMESTER CREDITS**

### **THIS CLASS MEETS: MON/WED 1-3PM**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- To introduce students from abroad, and in the main students from the United States, to the geographical diversity of the European subcontinent.
- To raise in them an awareness of the key milestones involved in the process of European construction and of its present-day situation.
- To provide information concerning the policies implemented by the European Union, with specific emphasis on those of a regional character.
- To enable students to become aware of the key role of Europe within the process of globalization (world economy, globalization of transport and communications...).

#### **METHODOLOGY**

Participation in this Course implies essentially the active role of students who will be encouraged to think reflectively and to contribute to debates, following on from the exploration of the fundamental aspects of syllabus content, backed-up both audiovisually and by means of selected readings.

#### **SYLLABUS**

- I. EUROPE'S GEOGRAPHICAL-INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK
  1. Natural Landscapes of Europe.
  2. Human Resources and Regional Diversity.
  3. The Process of European Construction.
- II. EUROPE'S ECONOMIC RESOURCES
  4. Green Europe (a Common Agricultural Policy) and Blue Europe (a Common Fisheries Policy).
  5. Industry and Energy in Europe.
  6. Service Sector, Tourism, Transport and Communications.
- III. THE EUROPEAN UNION'S REGIONAL POLICY

7. Regional Imbalances within Europe.
8. Territorial Transformations and the Environment.
9. The Eastward-Tending Growth of the European Union.

#### IV. THE EUROPEAN UNION'S COMMERCIAL AND FOREIGN RELATIONS

10. Europe's Geo-strategic and Commercial Context.
11. The European Community's Mediterranean Policy.
12. The European Union's Cooperation and Foreign Relations Policies.

#### **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

AHIJADO QUINTILLÁN, M. *Historia de la unidad europea*. Madrid: Pirámide, 2000.

COMISIÓN DE LAS COMUNIDADES EUROPEAS. *Europa 2000. Perspectivas de desarrollo del territorio de la Comunidad*. Bruselas: Dirección General de Políticas Regionales, 1992.

LÓPEZ PALOMEQUE, F., coord., and others. *Geografía de Europa*. Barcelona: Ariel, 2000.

MUÑOZ DEL BUSTILLO, R. y BONETE, R. *Introducción a la Unión Europea: un análisis desde la economía*. Madrid: Alianza, 1997.

TAMAMES, R., and LÓPEZ, M. *La Unión Europea*. Madrid: Alianza 1999.

VARIOUS AUTHORS. *La Unión Europea*. Madrid: Síntesis, 1995.

#### **Internet Sites:**

<http://europa.eu.int>

<http://www.europarl.es>

<http://www.euroinfo.cce.es>

#### **COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES**

Guided visit to the Center for European Documentation, University of Sevilla, and, whenever possible, attendance at lectures, or visits to exhibitions, linked with aspects of the syllabus content.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

Assessment and Grading, distributively speaking, will be based on the following criteria:

- Regular attendance and active participation in class sessions (20%).
- An assignment, chosen by the student, on a subject related to the Course syllabus (20%).
- Two exams, one mid-way through the semester, and the other at its close, involving questions dealing with Course content (30% in each exam).