

Course GB-03 ECONOMY AND SOCIETY IN CONTEMPORARY SPAIN

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45 CONTACT HOURS / 3 SEMESTER CREDITS

THIS CLASS MEETS: TUES/THURS, 7-9pm

OBJECTIVES

The aim of this Course is to provide students with an introduction to the study of contemporary Spain's economy and society, set within the context of its European configuration, for which reason Spain's reality will be continually contrasted with that of the other countries of Europe.

SYLLABUS

- 1) The Fundamental Characteristics of Spain's Economy and Society at the Beginning of the Nineteenth Century.
- 2) Spain's Demographic Evolution. The New Trends.
- 3) The Process of Agrarian Reform: the Failure of the Liberal Reforms during the Nineteenth Century. The Structural Transformations of the Twentieth Century.
- 4) The Beginnings of Industrialization in Spain. Expansion, Crisis, and Conversion in the Twentieth Century. Present-Day Regional Distribution.
- 5) Commercial Policy. Interior and Exterior Commerce. Spain's Markets and their New Prospects.
- 6) The Evolution of the Financial System. Banks, Credit, and Interest Rates. Monetary Policy.
- 7) Transport: an Evolving Sector. Changes in the Rail System. The Modernization of Highways, Ports, and Airports.
- 8) A Dynamic Sector: Tourism. Tourism Policy and Structural Adjustments.
- 9) The Energy Sector: Conditioning Factors, Dependence, Perspectives.
- 10) The Importance of the Public Sector in Spain's Economy. The Public Sector: Origins, Rise, and Crisis. Privatization.
- 11) The Labor Market in Spain: its Evolution. Unemployment and Measures within Economic Policy.
- 12) The Evolution of Spanish Society during the Nineteenth Century. Changes during the Twentieth Century. The Emigration Issue.
- 13) Spain and the European Union: Repercussions in Agriculture and in the Fishing Industry. Issues affecting the Industrial Sector. Regional Policy. The Intensity of Educational Exchanges. The Single Currency and Future Prospects.

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ASSESSMENT

Two compulsory exams will be set, either in the form of answers to test-type questions or questionnaires, or in the form of short-paragraphed written answers to ten questions.