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Spanish History in the 20th Century

Number of sessions: 30

Length of each session: 1,5 h

Total length of the module: 45 hours

INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE

This course aims to explain the evolution of Spain since 1898. The areas studied will be: Politics, Society, Family and Economics. At the end of the semester students are supposed to be able to understand the major changes that took place in Spain since the defeat of the Spanish Armada in Cuba in 1898.

REQUIREMENTS

All classes are taught in English, so one fundamental requirement is the control of the English Language.

CONTENTS

The Evolution of Spain since 1898

Topics treated: Politics, Economics and Society

GRADING

Mid Term Exam (30%)

This Exam will consist of 60 multiple choice questions. Each question will offer four options of which only one will be correct.

Presentations (50%)

Students are supposed to choose one of the optional readings to give a presentation. The reading will be, more or less, 50 pages long.

Presentations will be given in groups of 4 or 5 students and they will have to coordinate their presentations since they are part of the same book or they are related by topic. Each student will have between 10 and 15 minutes to explain to classmates the following elements in the text:

Introduction to the topic

Basic ideas of the text



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Development of some ideas of the text
Conclusions

At the end of all the presentations the group of students will lead a debate based on their own conclusions and questions after reading the different texts.

No paper is required but a PowerPoint is highly recommendable in order to stress the most important elements of the texts explained.

The evaluation of this part will be divided as follows:

20% personal presentation

20% debate and session

10% participation in debates and questions of other groups

Final Exam (20%)

This exam will consist of two questions to answer only one.

Class notes and sources are allowed in this class being necessary to cite all the sources to write a short essay of one/two page front and back. This exam requires Conclusions where the students will give their perspective on the topic treated using sources.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Herr, Richard: *An Historical Essay on Modern Spain* (Print edition: University of California Press, 1974)

<http://libro.uca.edu/herr/essay.htm>

Payne, Stanley, *A History of Spain and Portugal, Volume Two -- Eighteenth Century to Franco* (Print Edition: University of Wisconsin Press, 1973)

<http://libro.uca.edu/payne2/spainport2.htm>