

TEACHING PLAN

Economic and Business History (2ND term)



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1. Technical information about the course

- * Academic Year: 2014-2015
- * Name: ECONOMIC AND BUSSINES HISTORY(2nd term)
- * Code: 20831
- * Course: BASIC TRAINING FOR GRADES OF BUSINESS
 - ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMICS
- * Degrees: ECO/ADE
- * N° ECTS credits: 4,5
- * Schedule:
 - Year: 2° Type: Trimester
 - Term: 2º Term
- * Department: Economic and business sciences
- * Language: Spanish / Catalan
- * Lecturers, classes and seminars:

| Professor | Class | Seminars |
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2. Course description

The course explores the development of the Spanish economy from the diffusion of the industrial revolution to the present day. The economic development of Spain is studied within the context of the European economy. The course examines the key factors promoting the economic modernization of Spain, and the forces that delayed or obstructed the development.

This introductory course provides the student in Business Administration / Economics with the basic knowledge on the recent economic past of his/her environment, which is essential for the understanding of the modern economic state of affairs.

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3. Basic requirements for attending the course

The students should have the following **background**:

- Understanding of the Spanish Contemporary History: this includes the understanding of the key processes and relevant historical facts.
- Having completed the successful the first part of the course Economic History and Business. The course that provides the contextual and methodological elements necessary for the understanding of the historical evolution of the Spanish economy.
- The knowledge and the skills obtained in the following courses: Introduction to Economics and Data Analysis

Students should possess the following **basic skills** in order to be successful the learning process:

- Basic skills in spread sheet software (Excel) and text process (Word).
- Basic skills obtained during the course Data Analysis.

4. Learning Objectives

- 1. To acquire good understanding of the Spanish economic environment.
- 2. To understand the functioning and social dynamics of the Spanish economy.
- 3. To be able to explain the various events through economic history criteria.
- 4. To be able to associate the developments in the Spanish economy with the changes in the European economy.
- 5. To achieve the instrumental skills (see next section).

5. Skills to be developed

| General skills | Specific skills |
|--|---|
| Instrumentals The ability to collect relevant data from diverse sources. Interpersonal Public speaking. Teamwork. Writing skills. General 5. Critical reasoning in reading, | Ability to organize chronologically the basic facts of economic history of Spain. Ability to explain the basic facts of economic history of Spain. The ability to understand and analyze tables and figures representing the long term evolution of basic economic variables. Capacity to transform the historical facts into figures and tables The capacity to understand the interaction and the differences |
| writing and oral communication. 6. Analysis and synthesis of qualitative data. 7. Analysis and synthesis of quantitative data. 8. To organize and plan tasks. 9. To adapt to new challenges. | between short and long term processes. 6. The capacity to produce graphics and calculations from historical statistical data 7. Capacity to transform historical data into statistical tables. 8. Historical contextualization through the use of economic analysis skills. |

6. Metodologhy

Autónomo fuera del aula, individual o en equipo

The activities of teaching / learning are as follows:

- <u>Classes in the aula with the group (160 students)</u>
- The first area of activity are the **lectures**. There will be 16 lectures of 1.5 hours (80 'effective). Each will include one entire block o part of a block of content (v. 8.1). The purpose of these classes is to provide the key interpretations of the evolution of the Spanish economy during the various historical periods. In order to assimilate and understand the teacher's exposition, the students are encouraged to read the designated literature before the lecture (v. 9.1).

• <u>Classes in the classroom with subgroups (25/30 students)</u>

The second area of activity is the **seminars**. During the course there will be 6 seminars with duration of 1.5 hours (80 'effective). Each seminar will be focus on one of the themes described in 8.2. The purpose of the seminars is to help the students obtain a profound understanding of particular historical processes in an long run. These could be defined as the determinants of the economic growth. The learning will be based on pre- class preparation, which will be consolidated by an oral participation of the students during the seminars.

- Outside the classroom, individual work
- The student should read comprehensively the basic literature required or the successful completion of the course. The students are provided a *Reading guide*, which will help them to identify the key elements of the text.
- The work outside the classroom as a team (4 students) or individually
- All seminars require a preparation by students, either individually or in teams of 4 students (each teacher will determine how teams are formed). Each team(or individual when the work is individual) will receive a particular task with detailed instructions. The tasks will typically include a reading, data manipulation and analysis and the completion of a questionnaire. Before each workshop, the teams will have to submit a written report which they will be presented during the seminar to the teacher and the other teams (v. 9.2).
- Autonomous work outside the classroom, individually or in teams

The student has the responsibility to prepare adequately for the final exam. If he had attended the classes and followed with dedication, perseverance and integrity the described above learning process, he will be able to obtain a good grade.

7. Evaluation

General evaluation criteria

• **Participation in the seminars.** Preparation tasks, attendance and participation in the seminars are essential to achieve the objectives. The evaluation will the carried out using the following criteria:

• The oral presentation of the results of the preparatory work.

• The evaluation will be individual, if not stated otherwise, or by teams when that is the case. In the later case the individual oral contributions will also be evaluated.

• The evaluation will be carried out according to the following principles: clarity, relevance and analytical and explanatory capacities.

• Teams must submit before each seminar, a written text with the results of the assigned by the professor work.

• The teacher will randomly choose a team speaker for the seminars in which teams are created. In that case the team members will receive the same grade as the speaker presenting the team work. Non-attendance to the seminar and non-submission of written work will be graded with a zero.

• In the seminar the students will have to complete an individual excise of synthesis. This exercise will be graded, but not all individual works will be corrected.

Final Exam. The final exam will consist of questions in multiple choice format. The questions will be based on the contents of the main lectures and required readings for the course.

Recuperation Exam: The minimal positive grade is 5. If the student could not obtain that grade or could not obtain at least 4 on the final exam or for the work in the seminars, he could take a recovery test in May. The grade of the May exam will be added to the positive grade achieved in either of the final exam or the seminars if there is such grade.

| Type of Evaluation | Impact on | the rating | Evalua | tion agent | Groi | % | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|------|----|----|
| | Compulsory Optional | | Professor | Self Evaluation | Ι | PE | |
| Level test | | | | | | | |
| Continous: Seminar's Presentation | | | | | | | 15 |
| Continous: Seminar's Participation | | | | | | | 35 |
| Final: Final Exam | | | | | | | 50 |

8. Contents

We approach to the contents of the course from two intertwined perspectives; on one hand, from a chronological perspective, which will address the developments and major changes by periods, on the other, focusing independently on the key process of the long-term economic growth that developed during the contemporary era.

During the lectures we will discuss the temporal perspective, while the seminars we will focus separately on each of the long run economic growth process as follows:

8.1. Contents' block of the lectures

- **Block** 1. Modern economic growth in Spain: a long-term perspective.
- **Block 2**. The liberal revolution and the diffusion of the industrial revolution.
- Block 3. 1891-1914: The turn to nationalism.
- Block 4. 1914-1936: The Spanish economy between the wars.
- Block 5. 1936-1950: Spain on the periphery of the international economy.
- Block 6. 1951-1959: The Imports Substitution Industrialization
- Block 7. 1960-1973: Liberalization and economic development
- Block 8. 1974-1985: Economic crisis and political transition.
- Block 9. 1986-1998: From Integration into the European Community to the euro.
- Block 10. 1999-2012: Spain in the euro.

8.2. Contents' block of the seminars*

- **Block 1**. The state in the economy
- Block 2. Human Capital: education
- **Block 3.** Companies and entrepreneurs
- Block 4. Living standards and welfare
- Block 5. The crisis 2007-2014 in historical perspective

* 1.5 hours duration each, except the block 4, which will take 3 hours (2 weeks)

| | Seminar 1 | Seminar 2 | Seminar 3 |
|-----------|--|---|---|
| Seminar | The state in the economy | Human Capital: Education | Companies and entrepreneurs |
| Objective | Deliberación sobre si el Estado ha significado un freno o un factor de crecimiento para la economía española | Recognize the importance of human capital formation for economic growth, and the different historical views on the matter. | To observe the evolution of some Entrepreneurs and/or companies, in improvement and deterioration order to define their success or failures to adapt to the changes in the environment |
| Concepts | Resources Innovation and Technology | * Human Capital Formation * Education Policy | * Institutional change *Innovation and technological |
| Key words | transfer Public Policy Institutional Framework Demand Factors vs supply factors. | * Literacy * Formal education | change * Monopoly *Lobby and interest groups *Protectionism / Free trade |
| Method | Extraction of the key elements from contemporary literature text and the main lecture as supporting material. | Contrasting historical and contemporary texts. | Analysis of information from various sources |
| | | Team work. | Individual work |
| Material | A novel for an interpretation, using an academic study. | Texts from different periods will be compared with a contemporary text on the subject. | Texts about entrepreneurs and companies |

Seminar 4 (2 weeks)

Seminar 5

| Seminar | Living standards and welfare | The crisis 2007-2014 in historical perspective | | | | |
|-----------|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Objective | To identify the periods of improvement and deterioration in the level of economic welfare. Observe the similarities and differences between the evolution of GDP per capita and indicators of living standards and economic welfare. | To determine the cyclical and structural factors behind the current economic depression. Reflecting on the historical continuity and discontinuity using a comparative analysis of the crises in the Spanish economy in the nineteenth and twentieth century. | | | | |
| Concepts | * Living standard * Welfare indicators * Economic inequality | * Financial and real Bubbles *The Processes of massive borrowing | | | | |
| Key words | | * Debt crisis and deleveraging . * Restructuring of production and recovery strategies. | | | | |
| Method | the construction of a welfare index | Obtaining the key elements from academic texts | | | | |
| | Team work | Individual work | | | | |
| Material | Set of variables that could integrate into a welfare index + text | Critical reading of texts with interpretations | | | | |

9. Schedule of activities and student work

9.1. Activities program

| Week | Classroom activity activity / Content | Outside classroom activity Reading (R) / Others | | |
|--------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Week 1 (January 4-10) | Lectures: Course presentation and Block 1 | R: Handbook*, pp. 29-67 + Pascual y Sudrià | | |
| Week 2 (January 11-17) | Lectures: Block 2 | R: Handbook *, pp. 183-219 + Preparation for Seminar 1 | | |
| Week 3 (January 18 -24) | Lectures: Blocks 3 y 4(1) Seminar: Subject 1 | R: Handbook *, pp. 221-261 Preparation of Seminar 2 | | |
| Week 4 (January 25 – 31) | Lectures: Block 4(2) y 5(1) | R: Handbook *, pp. 263-301 + Preparation of Seminar 2 | | |
| Week 5 (1-7 February) | Lecture: Block 5(2) Seminar: Subject 2 | R: Handbook *, pp. 303-331 + Preparation of Seminar 3 | | |
| Week 6 (8-14 February) | Lectures: Block 6 y 7 Seminar: Subject 3 | R: Handbook *, pp. 333-366 + Preparation of Seminar 4(1) | | |
| Week 7 (15-21 February) | Lecture: Bloc k 8(1) Seminar: Subject 4 | R: Handbook *, pp. 367-434 + Preparation of Seminar 4(2) | | |
| Week 8 (22-28 February) | Lecture: Block 8(2) y 9 Seminar: Subject 5(1) | R: Handbook *, pp. 435-456 + Preparation of Seminar 5 | | |
| Week 9 (March 1-7) | Lecture: Block 10 Seminar: Subject 5(2) | R: Handbook *, pp. 457-495 | | |
| Week 10 (March 8 - 14) | Lecture: Recap and review | Preparation final exam | | |

* Handbook: Carreras, A. y Tafunell, X. (2010)

9.2 Activities Schedule and students work

| | Activities in the classroom | | | Activity outside the classroom | | | Delivery | | | |
|------|---|------------------------------|------------------|---|--|------------------|---|-----------------------------------|------|--|
| | | | | | | | Evaluation activity | | | |
| Week | Learning activities | Didactic resources | Expected time | Learning activities | Didactic Resources | Expected time | (type) | Kind (Compulsory/ optional) | Date | |
| 1 | Activity 1 : (GG) Course Presentation (GG) Lectures : Block 1 | Slides | 3 h. | Activity 1f : (I)Reading Activity Support 1/2 | Reading : -handbook, p. 29-67 -Pascual y Sudrià | 3 h. 3 h. | | | | |
| 2 | Activity 2 : (GG) Lectures : Block 2 | Slides Dossier Seminar | 3 h. | Activity 2f : -(I) Reading Activity Support 3 -(I) Preparation of seminar 1 (Act. 3b) | Reading : -Handbook, p. 183-219 ; -Individual (see assignments) | 3 h. 4 h. | | | - | |
| 3 | Activity 3 : (GG) a) Lectures: Blocks 3 y 4(1) (SG) b) Seminar 1 | Slides | 3 h. 1,5 h. | Activity 3f : -(I) Reading Activity Support 3/4 | Reading: -handbook, p. 221-261 ; | 4 h. 6 h. | | | | |
| 4 | Activity 4 : (GG) b) Lectures: Blocks 4(2) y 5(1) | Slides Dossier Seminar | 0,5 h. 2,5 h. | Activity 4f : -(I) Reading Activity Support 5 -(I) Preparation of seminar 2 (Act. 5b) | Reading: -Handbook, p. 263-301 -individual (see assignments) | 3 h. 6 h. | | | | |
| 5 | Activity 5 : (GG) a) Lecture: Block 5(2) (SG) b) Seminar 2 | Slides Dossier Seminar | 1,5 h. 1,5 h. | Activity 5f : -(I) Reading Activity Support 6 -(I) Preparation of seminar 3 (Act 6b) | Reading: -Manual, p. 303-331 ; -individual(see assignments) | 3 h. 6 h. | | | | |
| 6 | Activity 6 : (GG) a) Lectures : Blocks 6 y 7 (SG) b) Seminar 3 | Slides Dossier Seminar | 3 h. 1,5 h. | Activity 6f : -(I) Reading Activity Support 6 -(TW) Preparation of seminar 4/1 (Act. 7b) | Reading: -Handbook, p. 333-366 ; -individual (see assignments) | 3 h. 4 h. | Delivery 3: Seminar Report4/1 (Act. 9b) | Compulsory. | | |

| | Activity inside the | ide the classroom: 30 h. Activity outside the classroom | | le the classroom: | 90 h. | Total work | in hours: | 120 h. | |
|----|--|---|------------------|--|--|--------------|--|-------------|------------|
| 10 | Activity 10 : (GG) a) Lecture : Recap and review | Slides | 1,5 h. 1,5 h. | Activity 10f : -(I) Preparation of Final Exam | Preparation of final Exam | 20 h. | Final exam | Compulsory. | 23.03,2015 |
| 9 | Activity 9 : (GG) a) Lecture : Block 10 (SG) b) Seminar 5/2 | Slides Dossier Seminar | 1,5 h. 1,5 h. | Activity 9f : -(I) Reading Activity Support 10 ^a -(I) Preparation of seminar 5 (Act. 10b) | Reading: -Handbook, p. 457-495 ; -Team (see assignations) | 3 h. 6 h. | | | |
| 8 | Activity 8 : (GG) a) Lectures : Blocks 8(2) y 9 (SG) b) Seminar 5/1 | Slides Dossier Seminar | 3 h. 1,5 h. | Activity 8f : -(I) Reading Activity Support 9 -(TW) Preparation of seminar 4/2 (Act. 9b) | Reading : -Handbook, p. 435-456 ; -team (see assignations) | 2 h. 6 h. | | | |
| 7 | Activity 7 : (GG) a) Lecture: Block 8(1) (SG) b) Seminar 4 | Slides | 1,5 h. 1,5 h. | Activity 7f : -(I) Reading Activity Support 7/8 | Reading: -Handbook, p. 367-434 ; | 5 h. | Delivery 4 : Seminar Report 4/2 (Act. 10b) | Compulsory. | |

Keys:

GG: Great Group (o whole class); SG: subgroup (or seminar group); TW: Team work; I: individual

10. Sources of information and teaching resources

10.1. Basic Bibliography*

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* The material used in the seminars will be provided later in the task assignment documents.