

**Course GB-18                    PRESENT-DAY SPAIN AND THE CONTEXT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

(45 class hours)

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**OBJECTIVES**

The aim of this Course is to provide students with as detailed an overview as possible of Spain's International Relations and Foreign Policy within the period dating from the Second World War until the Present Day. With this aim in mind, a specific methodology has been designed in terms of the kind of students participating in the Course, while also taking into account its duration, as well as the distribution of its sessions which will be divided between those of a practical kind and those which are theoretical in character.

**METHODOLOGY**

The syllabus will span the academic year's second semester in two weekly modules, each with a duration of two hours. In the theoretical sessions, classes will be based on explanations of the fundamental aspects of each of the subject blocks. Once the Course has moved forward, one session in three will be dedicated to the screening of, and commentary on, historical documentaries and movies specifically chosen as back-up to the explanations and analysis offered in class. Amongst others, projections will include those chapters dealing with the question of international relations belonging to documentary series such as *La Guerra Civil Española; Franco, Juan Carlos I y La Transición Democrática Española*. The movie *¡Bienvenido, Mr. Marshall!* will also be screened.

**SYLLABUS**

**SUBJECT BLOCK 1. THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR AS AN INTERNATIONAL EVENT.**

The Domestic Conflict and its Internationalization. France and Britain's Non-Intervention Policy. Resorting to Aid from Hitler. The International Brigade. Soviet Aid and the Moscow Gold. The End of the War within its European Context.

**SUBJECT BLOCK 2. SPAIN AND THE SECOND WORLD WAR.**

The Character of the Franco Regime. The Regime Families and the Struggle in the Name of Duty. From Neutrality to Non-Belligerence: the Temptation to Enter the War. The Entry of the United States in the Conflict and the Change of Direction in the Franco Regime's Foreign Policy. Germany's Defeat and Diplomatic Isolation: the Withdrawal of Ambassadors.

**SUBJECT BLOCK 3. INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION (1945-1953).**

Autocracy and Isolationism in the International Context. Portugal and Spanish America: The Dual Hubs of the Regime's Foreign Relations. The Issue of Israel. The Case of Spain at the United Nations. The Opposition to the Franco Regime: from Hope to Disappointment.

**SUBJECT BLOCK 4. THE ROAD TOWARD INTEGRATION WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SCENARIO (1953-1959).**

"The Cinderella of the West": the Cold War and International Recognition (Membership of the United Nations, The 1953 Concordat and the Agreements with the United States). The Decolonization of Morocco. The Issue of Gibraltar.

**SUBJECT BLOCK 5. FOREIGN POLICY IN THE SIXTIES.**

Economic Growth and Social Change. Tourism and Emigration. Overtures to the European Economic Community. The Revision of the Agreement with the United States. The Independence of Guinea.

## SUBJECT BLOCK 6. FRANCO'S DICTATORSHIP IN CRISIS.

The Friendship and Cooperation Agreement with the United States. The Crumbling of Francoism. The Impact of "The Revolution of the Carnations" in Portugal. The Deterioration of Relations with the Holy See. The Putting Down of Internal Opposition and International Protests. The Crisis of the Sahara.

## SUBJECT BLOCK 7. THE TRANSITION TOWARD DEMOCRACY. 1975-1982.

Spanish Society and the Building of a New Regime. Political Parties and the Constitution of 1978. The Renewal of Friendship with the United States and the Inauguration of NATO Membership. *Entente* with Eastern Europe.

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## ASSESSMENT

All participants will be expected to carry out the two exams that will be set. They will either be based on multiple-choice questions or on the need to write short answers to ten specific questions. The

distribution of syllabus content regarding the exam sessions will be as follows:

- ✓ The First Exam will be held in the second week of March, based on Subject Blocks 1 to 4 (From the Spanish Civil War to the Close of the Nineteen Fifties and Spain's Emergence out of its International Isolationism ). Those who do not obtain a grade of at least 5, in terms of a maximum of 10, can either take part in a re-sit the week following, or attempt to improve their grade by sitting an End-of-Semester Exam.
- ✓ The Second Exam will be held in the second week of May. Its content will be based on Subject Blocks 4 to 8 (From the Beginnings of the Thrust in Development, and Integration within the International Scenario, to the Present Day). Those participants who do not obtain a grade of at least 5, in terms of a maximum of 10, will have the opportunity of re-sitting the End-of-Semester Exam which will be held the week following.
- ✓ Final grades will be assigned as an average of the those obtained in each of the two exams involving half the syllabus-content, or be based exclusively on the end-of-semester exam session. Moreover, the assigning of final grades will also take into account regular attendance, attention level, and the active participation in class sessions.
- ✓ Lecturers will be available during tutorial office hours, where doubts may be clarified and where advice will be offered regarding individual assignments and the complementary back-up reading which students may wish to take advantage of.