

COURSE: SPAIN'S ECONOMY HIGHLIGHTS

VIDEOCONFERENCE

Language	English
Level of Spanish required	Not required
Hours	45h
Credits	6 ECTS

Introduction

The Spanish culture courses by videoconference are spread out over the semester. During this time, the student has access to the study materials, a syllabus of practical exercises, complementary self-learning materials, etc. offered weekly in the Campus Virtual so the students can work with it whenever they want. These materials, alongside synchronous group videoconferences (from Monday to Thursday) or asynchronous depending on the time zones (almost half of the course hours), and individualized tutorials also by videoconference (almost half of the course hours), as well as the use of forums to be in contact with the class group will be the basis of your learning.

The personalized attention, the professionalism of our teachers, the quality of the materials and constant feedback are our guarantee of success.

Course description

The subject focuses on the main characteristics of Spain's economy. Centered not only in the current status of the economy but also in the historical evolution of the country from 1939, the course aims to be a general overview of what makes and has conditioned Spain's economic growth and what has set the particularities of Spain's current economic situation.

Methodology

After presentation of the subject, the students will be encouraged to discuss and try to establish comparisons with their countries' characteristics.

Certification and assessment

During the course, the student will do continued work through the virtual campus with the materials provided by the teacher. Also, will participate actively in the group videoconferences, the forums and the individualized tutorials, by videoconference too.

To obtain the ECTS credits a final grade will be necessary, based on the following percentages:

30% Continued work through the Campus Virtual
 30% Participation in the videoconferences and tutorials
 40% Exam or written work

Syllabus

First part

- Spain's economic structure: strengths and weaknesses
- Media: main economic information sources in Spain
- Social agents: employees and employers
- The financial system in Spain. Banks and Savings Banks
- Stocks market (Ibex35)
- Spain in the European Union and the Eurozone
- Taxes and Social Security
- The regional finance

Second part

- El Franquismo (Francoism) (1939 – 1975)
- War, autarchy and the falling behind
- La Transición (The Transition) (1975 – 1982)
- Los Pactos de la Moncloa (The Moncloa Agreements).
- The PSOE years (1982 – 1996)
- The industrial reconversion.
- The 80's take off.
- Corruption and the emergence of the "easy money" culture.
- The PP years (1996 – 2004)
- Macroeconomic stability and the neoliberals.
- Crisis (2007-2014) & postcrisis
- Why is it affecting Spain more than other countries?
- Policies and reforms.
- The opening period and the 60's 'miracle'

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