

UPF12031 CIENCIA POLITICA (II)

Track: Advanced; Honors;

(Section 1) Mo, Tu; 9:00-10:00 am; Group 11: We 12:30-1:30 pm; Group 12: Fr, 9:00-10:00 am;

This is an introduction to the major issues in Political Science, particularly about the nature and origins of democracy. The course focus on the definition and measurement of representative democracy. Modern democratic regims can be defined better by their differences rather than by the common features. The course will include practices. The evaluation of the students achievements consist in two parts: 70 % final exam (half test half essay); 30% practices. The practices are composed by those exercices worked at practical sessions and by a final research paper of 8 pages.

1 Introduction. Defintion of democracy.

Part I. Political process in representative democracies.

2 The cultural and social context.

3 Individual and collective players. Representative institutions.

4 Collective players and their representative institutions.

Part II. The nature of Democracy. Constitutive and institutional elements and State patterns.

5 The political institutions in the representative democracies.

6 Representation and election systems

7 The state: territorial organization

Part III. Dynamics, interactions and democratic patterns

8 Dynamics and interactions: the democratic "continuum"; from majorities to consensus.

9 An empirical model. The political outcomes in the representative democracies.

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