

STUDYING POLITICAL SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MURCIA

**A PRESENTATION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
AND OF THE
DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

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➤ WHY SPEND A YEAR OR A SEMESTRE STUDYING POLITICAL SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MURCIA?

The degree in Political Science at the University of Murcia is a 4-years degree that provides a broad and comprehensive set of choices to incoming Erasmus students that may come from various backgrounds: European studies, International Relation, Politics, Public Administration studies, etc.

It is characterised by its interdisciplinarity –especially during the first two years- and by its wide focus on various fields of the study of Political Science, Politics, Government, and Administration. The courses offered include topics on European politics, comparative politics, public policy, political behaviour, research methodology, public opinion, Spanish politics, etc. Most courses offer a balanced mix between traditional lectures and lab and/or reading-discussion sessions.

Students can also obtain further skills by enrolling into the *practicum* scheme the Department of Political Science monitors, which allows them to spend some hours a week working for an NGO, a trade union, or a private firm to get further professional skills, in exchange of some ECTS credits. Specially popular with incoming Erasmus students are the positions offered at the local branch of UNICEF, and at a local NGO dedicated to promote immigrants' social integration and rights.

Additionally, the International Office at the University of Murcia provides great support to students before their arrival with practical issues: accommodation, language courses, course registration, etc.

A further advantage of the University of Murcia is its flexibility in terms of the courses students can enroll once they are accepted as an Erasmus exchange student. The incoming student can choose whatever course of any BA (licenciatura) degree offered by the university, even if it is not related to Political Science. For example, students from our partner universities frequently choose courses on Geography, History, Spanish art, or Education to meet the requirements of their combined degrees at their home institutions. The University of Murcia puts no obstacle on incoming students planning their own curriculum as they deem best in agreement with their home tutors.

And finally, studying Political Science at the University of Murcia is almost invariably a good experience for incoming Erasmus students because of the practical advantages it brings with it. Unlike other regions in Spain (Balearic Islands, Basque Country, Catalonia, Galicia, Navarra and Valencia), Murcia is monolingual and Spanish is the only language spoken around, which greatly facilitates their becoming proficient in Spanish. Although it is one of the ten biggest cities in the country, the main urban core of the city is small and very manageable. And the weather and the vicinity of the coastal area is always an advantage incoming Erasmus students do appreciate!! (Although we still think

the academic reasons are far more important and are the best assets of Political Science at the University of Murcia).

The University of Murcia is located in the city of Murcia, the capital city of the Region of Murcia. The region of Murcia lies in the south-east of Spain bordering the regions of Andalucía, Castilla-La Mancha and Valencia.



You can find more information on the Region of Murcia and of its capital city (Murcia) in the following website:

<http://www.carm.es/ctyc/murciaturistica/Portal/iya.menu.menu?idi=2>

If you would like to get some feedback from the exchange coordinators of partner universities with whom we currently have agreements, or with former exchange Erasmus students, do feel free to ask [Laura Morales](#) for further details.

➤ **INFORMATION ON THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

The Department of Political Science and Administration was created in 1998, and is a small but very dynamic department both in terms of teaching and research. Currently there are 10 full-time (8 of them holding a Ph.D) a 1 part-time lecturers at the Department, a predoctoral researcher granted by the Ministry of Science, and 1 administrator. The department is part of the Faculty of Law and is located in the city centre of Murcia (Ronda de Levante, 10) within walking distance of the main campus of La Merced and the historical centre. The building where the Department is located hosts the degrees in Political Science (4 years), in Public Administration (3 years), in Sociology (4 years), and in Law with Firm Administration (5 years).

All the lecturers of the Department in Political Science share some features:

- Their comparative youth (average age is 36) gives rise to a pretty dynamic Department, which is successful in getting in touch with the students and close to current social, economic and political problems.
- A solid education in the different fields of Political Science, reinforced by a wide international experience. Several of our lecturers have obtained their Ph.Ds at the European University Institute (Florence), and others have done postgraduate degrees and courses at the LSE, the University of Essex, Georgetown University and the University of Michigan. This international educational background has been further advanced by various research stays at several European, North American, and Latin American universities.
- Previous teaching and research experience at other Spanish universities (Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Universidad Pública de Navarra, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos de Madrid, Universidad de Salamanca, and Universidad de Santiago de Compostela).
- A clear commitment to research is shown by the diversity of regional, national, and international projects in which they participate. The focus of these research projects include, among other topics, political representation, electoral behaviour, political culture, political parties, Europeanisation, federalism, survey research, social capital, the political integration of immigrants, and Latin American politics.

In addition, the Department has strong exchange relations with Latin American universities and research centres. Among others, we are developing several research projects and teaching exchanges with the Catholic University of Córdoba (Argentina), the University of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay, the University of Lima (Perú), and the National Autonomous University of México.

✓ Brief bios of the Department faculty

Full-time faculty

Ismael Crespo (BA in Political Science and Sociology, Universidad Complutense de Madrid; Ph.D. in Political Science and Sociology, Universidad Complutense de Madrid) is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Murcia and director of the Department of Quality Management at the Ortega y Gasset University Research Institute (Madrid). Previously, he has been an associate professor at the universities of Navarra Public and Salamanca, in Spain, and visiting professor at the University of Lima (Peru), University of the Republic (Uruguay), Catholic University of Cordoba (Argentina), Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (Mexico), and University of California (San Diego). Between 1997 and 1999 he was research director at the Sociological Research Center (CIS, Madrid), and academic coordinator of the postgraduate degree in Applied Social Research and Data Analysis at the same institution.

He has served in various political positions related to Higher Education. He has been General Director of Universities at the Ministry of Education between 2000 and 2002, and General Director of the National Agency of Quality Evaluation and Accreditation of Higher Education between 2002 and 2004.

Among his more recent publications in Spanish are: *Tres décadas de política uruguaya* (*Three decades of Uruguayan politics*, Siglo XXI, 2002) and *Metodología de la ciencia política* (*Political Science Methodology*, CIS, 2000). Recently, he has edited *Las campañas electorales y sus efectos en la decisión del voto*, 3 volumes (*The electoral campaigns and their effects in the voting decision*, Tirant lo Blanch, 2002-2004), *El estudio de la política: problemas y horizontes* (*The study of politics: problems and horizons*, Thomson/Civitas, 2003) and *Partidos, medios de comunicación y electores* (*Parties, media and voters*, Planeta, 2003).

Among his publications in other languages are: *Métodos e técnicas para a pesquisa eleitoral* (*Methods and techniques for the electoral enquiry*, EDUCAT, Brazil, 2003); "Quality Assessment and Accreditation in Higher Education in the European Union, Latin American and the Caribbean Higher Education Area" and "The Accreditation Process in Spain", in *Quality Assessment and Accreditation. Common Area for Higher Education European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean*, Madrid: MEC (2004, pp. 15-17 and 143-147, respectively); "Accreditation in Spain: Approaches, Development and Influence on University Transformation", in *Accreditation and Quality. A new strategy for the European University?* Madrid: Asociación Alexander von Humboldt de España (2003, pp. 151-162); "Democratic Political Culture of the Uruguayan Parliamentary Class" (with P. Mieres), *Revista Española de Investigaciones Sociológicas*, English Edition (1999: 125-141); "Between Europe and Ibero-America: The Political Discourse of the Spanish Government" (with A. Martínez and A. Jerez) in J. Roy and A. Galisonga (eds.), *The Ibero-American Space* (1997, Miami: Iberian Studies Institute-University of Miami, pp. 107-118); "Uruguay: continuités et changements dans le système des partis" (with P. Mieres), *Problèmes d'Amérique latine*, vol 22, La documentation Française (1996: 47-73).

He has taught short postgraduate and Ph.D. courses at the Autonomous University of Sinaloa (Mexico), Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress (Costa Rica), Catholic University of Cordoba (Argentina), University of Lima (Peru), Ortega y Gasset University Research Institute (Madrid), Sociological Research Center (Madrid), and at the Spanish universities of Santiago de Compostela, Salamanca, Sevilla, and the Basque Country.

Languages proficient in: English.

Antonio Garrido (BA in Political Science and Sociology, Universidad Complutense de Madrid; BA in Law, UNED; Ph.D. in Political Science, Universidad Complutense de Madrid) is Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Murcia. He has previously been an associate lecturer in Law at the University Rey Juan Carlos in Madrid.

His research interests lie, especially, in comparative politics, political institutions, and public policies. Among his publications in English are: "Parliamentarism vs. Presidentialism: The Spanish Case", *Journal of Behavioral and Social Sciences* vol. 2: 130-151 (1995); "Parliamentarism vs. Presidentialism" in Rei Shiratori, (ed.), *Institutional Approach in Politics: Parliamentary System and Presidential System*. Tokio: Ashi Pub., 1999.

Languages proficient in: English and French.

Mireia Grau (BA in Political Science and Sociology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; Ph.D. in Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute, Florence, Italy) is currently Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Policy at the University of Murcia, and was a Visiting Professor at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, for the academic years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004. She has done studies at the IEP at Grenoble (France).

She has widely published articles and book chapters in Spain, Italy and the United Kingdom, mainly on public policies and federalism. She has co-edited (with A. Mateos) the book "Análisis de Políticas Públicas en España. Perspectivas y casos." (Public policy analysis in Spain. Approaches and case-studies; Tirant lo Blanch 2002). Her recent publications in English include: "Spain, Incomplete Federalism", in *Federalism and Political Performance*. London: Routledge, 2000; "A step forward or backward? The PP governments' policies towards the State of the Autonomies", in the Special Issue of *Southern European Society and Politics* on "The Right in Italy, Spain and France" (2005, forthcoming).

Languages proficient in: Catalan, English, French, and Italian.

Fernando Jiménez (BA in Philosophy, Universidad de Granada; MA in Social Science, Juan March Institute, Madrid; Ph.D. in Political Science and Sociology, Universidad Complutense de Madrid) is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Murcia and Fellow of the Instituto Juan March (Madrid). Since his book *Detrás del escándalo político* (*Behind political scandal*, Barcelona: Tusquets, 1995), his research has mainly focused on the politics of scandal. His last papers –most of them coauthored with Miguel Caínzos (University of Santiago de Compostela)- pay special attention to the electoral consequences of these affairs.

His publications in English include: “Possibilities and limits of political scandals as a form of social control”, *Revista Española de Investigaciones Sociológicas*, English Edition 1996: 49-76; “Political scandals and political responsibility in democratic Spain”, *West European Politics*, 21 (4): 80-99 [also published in R. Williams, *The Politics of Corruption* (4 vols.), vol. 3. Aldershot, Hants (UK): Edward Elgar, 1999]; “Political Corruption in Spain” (with Miguel Caínzos), in J. Newell and M. Bull (eds.), *Corruption in Contemporary Politics*. London: Palgrave, 2003; “The Politics of Scandal in Spain. Morality Plays, Social Trust and the Battle for Public Opinion”, *American Behavioral Scientist*, 47 (8): pp. 1099-1121 (April 2004); and forthcoming: (with Miguel Caínzos) “How and Why Corruption Scandals Cost Votes?”, in J. Garrard and J. Newell (eds.), *Scandals in Past and Contemporary Politics*. Manchester: Manchester University Press.

He has previously been a lecturer in Political Science at the University of Santiago de Compostela.

Languages proficient in: English.

Mónica Méndez (BA Political Science and Sociology, Universidad Complutense de Madrid; Dipl. Social Sciences Data Analysis, University of Essex; Ph.D. in Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute, Florence, Italy) is an Associate Professor in Political Science, currently on leave holding a position as Technical Advisor at the Survey Research Centre (Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas, Madrid). Previously she has been a lecturer at the University of Salamanca.

Her Ph.D. thesis analysed the organisational strategy of the Spanish Workers' Socialist Party between 1975 and 1996. The results of her dissertation were published in the book “La estrategia organizativa del Partido Socialista Obrero Español, 1975-1996” (The organisational strategy of the Partido Socialista Obrero Español, 1975-1996; Madrid: CIS, 2000). Among her publications in English are: “Political representation in Spain: an empirical analysis of the perception of citizens and MPs” (with A. Martínez), *Journal of Legislative Studies*, vol. 8: 63-90 (2002); “The electoral consequences of de-pillarisation: Belgium, The Netherlands and Austria” in Deschouwer, K. and Luther, R. (eds.), *Party elites in divided societies. Political parties in consociational democracy*. London: Routledge, 1999.

Her research interests centre on political behaviour, party politics and the study of political representation. She is in charge of a research project that analyses the implementation of European Union citizenship by analysing how

non-national EU citizens exercised their right to vote in local elections in Spain both in 1999 and in 2003.

Languages proficient in: English, French, Italian and Portuguese.

Laura Morales (BA in Political Science and Sociology, Universidad Complutense de Madrid; MSc in Social Research Methods, LSE; MA in Social Sciences, Juan March Institute; PhD in Political Science, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid) is Assistant Professor of Political Science at the Universidad de Murcia and Fellow of the Instituto Juan March (Madrid). She has previously taught at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (2001-2003) and Universidad Complutense de Madrid (2003). Her PhD thesis has been awarded with the 2005 ECPR Thesis prize.

Her interests lie, especially, in the areas of electoral behaviour and political participation. She has been involved in several European research projects. She was a researcher of the ESF network on *Citizenship, Involvement and Democracy*, she is currently a researcher of the European network on Multicultural Democracy in European Cities, and the coordinator of a project on this latter topic funded by the Spanish Ministry of Education (2006-2008). She is currently also involved in the project “Europeanisation of National Political Parties” coordinated by Prof. Thomas Poguntke and funded by the British ESRC; and she is a member of the Spanish National Coordination team of the European Social Survey.

Among her most recent publications in English are: “Political Participation: Exploring the Gender Gap in Spain”, in *Gender Inequalities in Southern Europe*, M.J. González, T. Jurado and M. Naldini (eds.), London: Frank Cass, 2000; “Associational Membership and Social Capital in Comparative Perspective: the Problem of Measurement”, *Politics and Society*, vol. 30 (1), 2002; and “Latecomers but ‘Early-Adapters’. The Adaptation and Response of Spanish Parties to Social Changes” (with L. Ramiro), in Kay Lawson y Thomas Poguntke (eds.), *How Parties Respond to Voters. Interest Aggregation Revisited*. London: Routledge, 2004: 198-226.

Languages proficient in: English, French, and Italian.

Cristina Moreno (BA in Political Science and Sociology, Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona; Dipl. Social Sciences Data Analysis, University of Essex; Doctoral candidate at the Ortega y Gasset University Research Institute) is Assistant lecturer in Political Science at the University of Murcia.

Her research interests lie in the fields of public opinion, electoral behaviour and political campaigning. She has published several journal articles and book chapters on voting and electoral campaigns. She has been a visiting researcher at Georgetown University and at the LSE.

Languages proficient in: English, and French.

Fabiola Mota (BA in Political Science and Sociology, Universidad Complutense de Madrid; Doctoral candidate, Universidad Complutense de Madrid) is Associate lecturer in Political Science at the University of Murcia.

She has been a doctoral scholar under the Spanish Ministry of Education FPI Programme, linked to the ICPS/UAB research centre, in Barcelona (1995-1998). She has been a visiting researcher at the European University Institute (Florence), the LSE (United Kingdom), the University of Michigan, Indiana University, and the University of Costa Rica.

Her publications, in Spanish and French journals and books, focus on civil society, political culture, associational participation, and social capital.

Languages proficient in: English, French, and Italian.

Luis Ramiro (BA in Political Science and Sociology, Universidad Complutense de Madrid; Ph.D. in Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute, Florence, Italy) is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Murcia, and currently the Head of the Department of Political Science. He has previously taught at the University Carlos III in Madrid. His research specialises on Spanish political parties, and on Communist and Post-Communist parties.

He has published several books and articles on Spanish political parties, among which *Communist and Post-Communist parties in Western Europe* (co-editor, with Joan Botella, ICPS, 2002); *Cambio y adaptación en la izquierda: la evolución del Partido Comunista de España y de Izquierda Unida (1986-2000)* (CIS, 2004); *Voz, conflicto y salida. Un estudio sobre faccionalismo: Nueva Izquierda (1992-2001)*, (Editorial Complutense 2003).

His latest publications in English are: "Electoral competition, organizational constraints, and party change: the Communist Party of Spain (PCE) and United Left (IU), 1986-2000", *Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics*, vol. 20 (2), pp. 1-29; "Latecomers but 'Early-Adapters'. The Adaptation and Response of Spanish Parties to Social Changes" (with L. Morales), in Kay Lawson y Thomas Poguntke (eds.), *How Parties Respond to Voters. Interest Aggregation Revisited*. (Routledge, 2004); and "Euroscepticism and political parties in Spain" (with I. Llamazares and M. Gómez-Reino), in P. Taggart y A. Szczerbiak (eds.), *Opposing Europe? The Comparative Party Politics of Euroscepticism, volume 1: Case Studies and Country Surveys*, (Oxford University Press, 2005).

He is currently involved in the project "Europeanisation of National Political Parties" coordinated by Prof. Thomas Poguntke and funded by the British ESRC, as well as on several other projects in Spain.

Languages proficient in: English, and Italian.

Other faculty and researchers

Francisco de Paco (BA in Political Science, Universidad de Murcia) is part-time Associate Lecturer of Political Science at the University of Murcia, and Head of the Internal Administrative Control Unit of the University of Murcia. He is specialised in Public Administration, and contributes with his professional experience to the teaching of the Department of Political Science.

Gemma Sánchez (BA in Political Science and Sociology, Universidad de Granada; Doctoral candidate, Universidad de Murcia) is doctoral scholar under the Spanish Ministry of Education FPI Programme, linked to the project “Representación y calidad de la democracia en España” (Representation and quality of Democracy in Spain).

Her Ph.D. thesis deals with immigrants’ social and political participation in the cities of Madrid and Murcia, and pays special attention to the role of organisational networks. She has been a visiting researcher at the University of Chicago.

✓ **Teaching.**

Currently, the Department participates strongly in two different degrees:

- 3-years Diploma in Public Management and Administration.
- 4-years Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science and Sociology.

The Department also offers –in coordination with the Department of Sociology and Social Policy- the Ph.D. Programme “European Union: Social and Political Changes”.

In addition, the Department teaches several other courses in the Degrees in Labour Sciences, Journalism and Communication studies, Sociology, Criminal Studies, and Law.

✓ **Research.**

Research Areas:

- Electoral campaigns.
- Environmental policy.
- Latin American politics.
- Multiculturalism and immigration.
- Public opinion.
- Public policies
- Political behaviour.
- Political parties.

- Political representation.
- Survey research, methodology and data analysis.

Research projects in which the Department faculty is currently involved:

- Leading researcher, a member of the Department.
 - “La participación política de los ciudadanos comunitarios en el litoral mediterráneo: las elecciones municipales de 2003” (Political participation of EU citizens in the Mediterranean coast”), leading researcher Mónica Méndez. Funded by the Regional science institution of Murcia (Fundación Séneca). Period: 2003-2005. Researchers: Eva Anduiza, Antonio Garrido, Mireia Grau, Fabiola Mota and Luis Ramiro.
 - "La cooperación en materia de educación superior entre España y América Latina". (Cooperation in Higher Education between Spain and Latin America), leading researcher Ismael Crespo. Funded by the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science. Period: 2004-2005.
 - “Democracia multicultural y capital social de los inmigrantes en España: participación, redes organizativas y políticas públicas en el ámbito municipal.” (Multicultural Democracy and Immigrants’ Social Capital in Spain: Participation, Organisational Networks, and Public Policies at the Local Level), leading researcher Laura Morales. Funded by the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science. Period: 2006-2008. Researchers: Eva Anduiza, Luis Ramiro, and Gemma Sánchez.
 - Murciobarómetro (Murciobarometer). Funded by Regional Government of Murcia. Researchers: Ismael Crespo, Eva Anduiza, Antonio Garrido, Mireia Grau, Mónica Méndez, Cristina Moreno, Fabiola Mota and Luis Ramiro.
<http://www.um.es/dp-politica-administracion/barometro.php>
- Leading researcher, other universities:
 - “Representación y calidad de la democracia en España” (Representation and quality of Democracy in Spain), leading researcher Antonia Martínez. Funded by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Technology. Period: 2002-2004. Department researchers: Ismael Crespo, Mireia Grau, Mónica Méndez, Cristina Moreno, Fabiola Mota, and Gemma Sánchez.

- “Europeanisation of National Political Parties”, leading researcher Thomas Poguntke (Keele University). Funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, United Kingdom. Period: 2003-2005. Department researchers: Laura Morales and Luis Ramiro.
- “La exclusión social urbana en España. Bases conceptuales y análisis comparado” (Urban social exclusion in Spain. Conceptual bases and comparative analysis), leading researcher Joan Subirats (Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona). Funded by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Technology. Period: 2004-2006. Department researchers: Luis Ramiro.
- “Ciudadanos y Democracia en Europa: Análisis comparado de los datos de la primera ola de la Encuesta Social Europea” (Citizens and Democracy in Europe: a comparative analysis of the data of the first round of the European Social Survey), leading researcher Mariano Torcal (Universidad Pompeu Fabra). Funded by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Technology. Period: 2003-2005. Department researchers: Fernando Jiménez, Laura Morales and Luis Ramiro.

➤ **DEGREES OFFERED TO INCOMING ERASMUS STUDENTS.**

As explained in previous pages, all Erasmus students coming to the University of Murcia can choose from the wide range of degrees offered by the University, even if the exchange agreement is only with the Department of Political Science.

Students will find the list of all available degrees on the following website:
<http://www.um.es/estudios/oferta.php>

And in July and September they will find the updated timetables and specific offer of courses for every degree at:
<http://www.um.es/estudios/horarios-examenes.php>

✓ **Degrees in Political Science and Administration**

Although incoming students can choose among a wide range of degrees and courses offered at the University of Murcia, we assume that most of them will be mainly interested in taking courses related to Political Science and Public Administration studies.

The Department of Political Science is most actively engaged in the teaching and organisation of three degrees.

- 4-years Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Sociology.
- 3-years Diploma in Public Management and Administration.

Due to the process of adaptation to the European Higher Education Area (known as "Bologna process") the latter degree is in the process of extinction, it will disappear in the medium term, but there is no specific date for its extinction.

Therefore, the information we provide in the next pages reflects only the courses that will be available for students for the academic year 2006-2007. This guide will be updated every year, so that students and academic tutors will have accurate information on the courses offered to incoming Erasmus students.

▪ 4-YEARS BA DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

This is a four-year degree that provides solid analytical and theoretical skills in the essential aspects of political and social phenomena. Students get fully acquainted with the administrative organizations, social groups, and political and institutional systems. The courses offer a good balance between theoretical and practical aspects in the analysis of politics and public administration, with special emphasis on their acquisition of applied research methodological skills.

Currently, the University of Murcia offers the two first years of Political Science jointly with the Degree in Sociology. This means that students finalising the degree at the University of Murcia, get a solid interdisciplinary foundation in the social sciences. The last two years contribute to greater specialisation in the analysis of politics and public administration.

CORE SUBJECTS, FIRST YEAR			
CODE	SUBJECTS	ECTS	LENGTH
00DT	Political Science and Administration	9	Annual
03BD	General Sociology	10.5	Annual
00DU	Economy 1	4.5	Semester (1)
00DW	Political History	6	Semester (1)
00DZ	Introduction to Law	4.5	Semester (1)
01DA	Introduction to Statistics to Social Sciences	6	Semester (1)
00DV	Economy 2	4.5	Semester (2)
	Economic History	4.5	Semester (2)
01DB	Statistics Applied to Sociology and Political Science	6	Semester (2)
01DC	Classic Sociological Theory	6	Semester (2)

CORE SUBJECTS, SECOND YEAR			
CODE	SUBJECTS	ECTS	LENGTH
01DD	Spanish Political System	9	Annual
01DH	International Relations	9	Annual
01DI	Social Structure and Spanish Social Structure	10.5	Annual
01DF	Methodology for Political Analysis	6	Semester (1)
01DE	Public Policy	6	Semester (1)
01DK	Contemporary Sociological Theory	4.5	Semester (1)
01DI	Methodology for Sociological Analysis	6	Semester (2)
01DJ	Political Behaviour	7.5	Semester (2)

ELECTIVE SUBJECTS (FOR FIRST 2 YEARS)*			
CODE	SUBJECTS	ECTS	LENGTH
01DP	Social history of political thinking	6	Semester (1)
01DQ	Contemporary Spanish history	6	Semester (1)
01DS	Skills for writing papers and reports	6	Semester (1)
01DM	Political communication and public opinion	6	Semester (2)
01DL	Applied economy	6	Semester (2)
01DS	Introduction to computing	6	Semester (2)
01DT	Markets and Environmental Economy	6	Semester (2)
01DV	Sociology of knowledge and culture	4	Semester (2)
01DY	Theory and organisation of Social Services	4	Semester (2)

* Elective subjects are eventually taught only if at least 10 students enroll in the subject. Thus, although all of these courses are offered, all of them might not be taught at the end every year.

THIRD YEAR			
CODE	SUBJECTS	ECTS	LENGTH
	Comparative Politics 1	6	Semester (1)
	Spanish Politics	6	Semester (1)
	Constitutional Law 1	4.5	Semester (1)
	Public economy and budgetary management	7.5	Semester (1)
	Political Philosophy	6	Semester (1)
	International Organisations	4.5	Semester (1)
	Comparative Politics 2	6	Semester (2)
	Constitutional Law 2	4.5	Semester (2)
	Public Management	6	Semester (2)
	International Economic Organization	4.5	Semester (2)
	Contemporary Political Thought	4.5	Semester (2)
	Political Sociology	6	Semester (2)

FOURTH YEAR (to start in 2006-2007)			
CODE	SUBJECTS	ECTS	LENGTH
	Political Theory	6	Semester (1)
	Public Policy Analysis	7.5	Semester (1)
	Parties and Elections	4.5	Semester (1)
	Administrative Law 1	4.5	Semester (1)
	Economic Structure and Politics 1	4.5	Semester (1)
	EU Law 1	4.5	Semester (1)
	EU Politics	6	Semester (2)
	Administrative Law 2	4.5	Semester (2)
	EU Law 2	6	Semester (2)
	Economic Structure and Politics 2	4.5	Semester (2)
	Political and Social History: Independence, Nationality and Neocolonialism	4.5	Semester (2)
	Practicum	12	Semester (2)

ELECTIVE SUBJECTS (LAST 2 YEARS)*		
SUBJECTS	ECTS	LENGTH
Demographical Analysis	3	Semester
Economic Analysis of Politics	3	Semester
Cooperation for Development	3	Semester
International Humanitarian Law	3	Semester
International Disarmament: Politics and Law	3	Semester
Economic Evaluation of Public Policy	3	Semester
Public Administration	3	Semester
Political Geography	3	Semester
Security and Protection Services Management	3	Semester
Local Government	3	Semester
Political Life History	3	Semester
Spanish Political Thinking History	3	Semester
Political and Social History of Murcia in the 20th Century	3	Semester
Macroeconomy and Economical Cycles	3	Semester
Institutional, Social and Political Marketing	3	Semester
Economic Modernization of Spain in the 20th Century	3	Semester
New Technologies Applied to Information	3	Semester
State Politics and Religious Confessions in the International Field	3	Semester
Administrative Information and Documentation Policies	3	Semester
Processes of Political Change	3	Semester
Latin American Political Systems	3	Semester
Advanced Research Techniques Applied to Public Opinion Analysis	3	Semester

Political Negotiation Techniques	3	Semester
Current Issues in Public Finance	3	Semester

* The elective subjects still have to be distributed in semesters. Not all subjects will be offered every year. The offer will also depend on a minimum of 10 students enrolling in each course.

▪ 3-YEARS DEGREE IN PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

This is a three-year degree which provides a specific qualification in the theoretical foundations of Public Management and in the administrative and financial management techniques, paying a special attention to how Public Administrations work. This degree tries to train competent and efficient public managers, contributing to a reorganization of the human resources within the Public Administration.

FIRST YEAR		
SUBJECTS	ECTS	LENGTH
Constitutional Law I	9	Annual
Administrative Statistics	12	Annual
Political Institutions	9	Annual
Introduction to Accountancy	9	Annual
Introduction to Economy	6	Semester (1)
Sociology	4.5	Semester (1)
Sociology of Organizations	4.5	Semester (2)
Management of Organizations	4.5	Semester (2)
SECOND YEAR		
SUBJECTS	ECTS	LENGTH
Administrative Law I	9	Annual
Administrative Structures	9	Annual
Financial Law	9	Annual
Constitutional Law II	6	Semester (1)
Spanish Economy	6	Semester (1)
Public Finance	4.5	Semester (1)
Economy of Public Affairs	4.5	Semester (2)
Administrative Management Techniques	6	Semester (2)
THIRD YEAR		
SUBJECTS	ECTS	LENGTH
Management of Human Resources	9	Annual
Administrative Documentation	9	Annual
Administrative Law II	6	Semester (1)
Public Accountancy	4.5	Semester (1)

International Public Law and Communitarian Law	6	Semester (1)
Computing Applied to Public Management	6	Semester (1)
Spanish Public Economy	6	Semester (2)
Public Policy	6	Semester (2)
Spanish Tax System	4.5	Semester (2)
ELECTIVE SUBJECTS		
SUBJECTS	ECTS	LENGTH
Introduction to Law	4.5	Semester (1)
Political Science	4.5	Semester (2)
Economic Evaluation of Public Policies	4.5	Semester (2)
Management of Non-Profit Organizations	4.5	Semester (2)
Spanish Administration History	4.5	Semester (2)
Introduction to Computing	4.5	Semester (2)
Microeconomy	4.5	Semester (2)
International Relations	4.5	Semester (2)
Welfare State Sociology	4.5	Semester (2)
Public Auditing	4.5	Semester (2)
Urban-Planning Law	4.5	Semester (2)
Statistics Applied to Public Administration	4.5	Semester (2)
Legal and Administrative Documentation Resources	4.5	Semester (2)
Budgetary Management and Control	4.5	Semester (2)
Macroeconomy	4.5	Semester (2)
Marketing of Public Services	4.5	Semester (2)
Labour Relations in the Public Administration	4.5	Semester (2)

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