

## **Spanish History & Politics: 1936 to the Present**

**Course Length: 45 hours**

### **Course Description**

This course aims to provide students with an in-depth understanding of recent Spanish history and its political system(s). Following a chronological explanation, the major historical, political and military events will be explained, without losing perspective of the social and economic consequences, and always trying to picture the big periods and changes that the country has undergone in the last decades.

There will be a special emphasis on the major trends in Spanish political thought from each period, looking at different perspectives and interpretations.

The different steps throughout the semester will be: an overview of the current Spanish political situation, main characters, political parties, etc., so that students get acquainted with the specific vocabulary; an introduction to the late 19<sup>th</sup> and the early 20<sup>th</sup>, paying special attention to the events that can be considered as immediate precedents, both ideologically and historically, to the Spanish Civil War; the Civil War itself and the subsequent dictatorship of Francisco Franco, both essential to understand the political and cultural mentality of every Spaniard today; the Transition and the Democratic years until the present and how Spain has struggled to normalize its political and social life.

### **GRADING**

**Tests 1&2 (20%-25% respectively)**

**Class activities (5% each)**

**Final Exam (20%)**

**Class Participation (15%)**

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**Recommended Readings**

- ALONSO, Gregorio & MURO, Diego, *The Politics and Memory of Democratic Transition*, Routledge, 2011.
- ÁLVAREZ TARDÍO, Manuel & DEL REY REGUILLO, Fernando, *The Spanish Second Republic Revisited*, Sussex Academic Press, 2011.
- BEEVOR, Anthony, *The Battle for Spain*, Phoenix, 2007.
- BLACK, Stanley, *Spain since 1939*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2009.
- ENCARNACIÓN, Omar G., *Spanish Politics*, Polity Press, 2008.
- ESDAILE, Charles J., *Spain in the Liberal Age*, Wiley-Blackwell, 1999.
- ESDAILE, Charles J., *Fighting Napoleon: Guerrillas, Bandits and Adventures in Spain 1808-1814*, Yale UP, 2004.
- GUNTHER, Richard & MONTERO J.R., *The Politics of Spain*, Cambridge UP, 2009.
- HARRISON, Joseph & HOYLE, Alan (eds.), *Spain's 1898 Crisis*, Manchester UP, 2000.
- LEE, Stephen J., *European Dictatorships 1918-1945*, Routledge, 2008.
- MAGONE, José M., *Contemporary Spanish Politics*, Routledge, 2008.
- OFFNER, John L., *An Unwanted War. The Diplomacy of the United States & Spain over Cuba 1895-1898*, The University of North Carolina Press, 2006.
- PAYNE, Stanley G., *The Collapse of the Spanish Republic 1933-1936*, Yale UP, 2006.
- PRESTON, Paul, *The Spanish Civil War*, Harper Perennial, 2006.
- QUIROGA, Alejandro, *Making Spaniards. Primo de Rivera and the Nationalization of the Masses, 1923-30*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.
- RESINA, Joan Ramon, *Disremembering the Dictatorship*, Rodopi, 2000.
- ROMERO SALVADO, Francisco J., *Twentieth-century Spain: Politics and Society in Spain, 1898-1998*, Palgrave MacMillan, 1999.
- ROSS, Christopher J. et alii (eds.), *Contemporary Spain*, Hodder Education, 2008.
- SHUBERT, Adrian & ÁLVAREZ JUNCO, José (eds.), *Spanish History since 1808*, Bloomsbury Academic, 2000.
- TUSELL, Javier, *Spain: From Dictatorship to Democracy*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2011.