



Universitat de Lleida

DEGREE CURRICULUM

SOCIAL GEOGRAPHY

Coordination: GANAU CASAS, JOAN

Academic year 2023-24

Subject's general information

Subject name	SOCIAL GEOGRAPHY			
Code	100052			
Semester	2nd Q(SEMESTER) CONTINUED EVALUATION			
Typology	Degree	Course	Character	Modality
	Bachelor's Degree in Geography	2	COMPULSORY	Attendance-based
	Double degree: Bachelor's degree in Geography and Bachelor's degree i Tourism	2	COMPULSORY	Attendance-based
Course number of credits (ECTS)	6			
Type of activity, credits, and groups	Activity type	PRALAB	PRAULA	TEORIA
	Number of credits	0.2	1.8	4
	Number of groups	1	1	1
Coordination	GANAU CASAS, JOAN			
Department	GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY AND HISTORY OF ART			
Teaching load distribution between lectures and independent student work	Face-to-face class in the classroom or field work: 60 hours Autonomous student work: 90 hours			
Important information on data processing	Consult this link for more information.			
Language	Catalan			

Teaching staff	E-mail addresses	Credits taught by teacher	Office and hour of attention
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Subject's extra information

This course has a triple dimension: geographic, social and historical. On the one hand, proposes an analysis of the existing complex relations between the human societies and the territories they inhabit. In that sense, it considers the space as a social segregating factor to study how social differences also contribute to perpetuate the territorial differences. For this reason, the course takes the city as a preferential study framework, which is the space where the contradictions of the social structures are shown more strongly. On the other hand, it also takes into account the temporal dimension, History, as a key element not only to understand the social changes but also the evolution of cities themselves.

Learning objectives

Objectives:

Know and apply the main concepts and methods for the territorial analysis of social structures
 Reflect on the relationships established between social diversity and spatial segregation
 Understand the diachronic dimension of the processes of social differentiation in urban space
 Understand the growing cultural diversity of Western societies and its reflection in the use of urban space
 Freely choose a topic of social analysis of the city, work on the complexity of the phenomenon and propose possible solutions
 Collect information of a diverse nature, order it and present it in an orderly and comprehensible way
 Understand scientific texts and be able to debate their content in a group

Based on these objectives, the following learning outcomes must be achieved:

- Know the main concepts of human geography
- Characterize the unequal distribution of world wealth and the main indicators of development
- Understand the material, social and subjective dimension of space
- Enable the interrelation and integration of socio-economic data
- Identify the territorial effects of economic globalization
- Identify the geographical significance of social segregation and inequality

Competences

Competences:

CB3 Ability to gather and interpret relevant data (usually within your area of study) to make judgments that include reflection on relevant social, scientific or ethical issues
 CB4 Be able to convey information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialized and non-specialized audiences)
 CG2 Identify the major conflicts and inequalities in human society
 CG3 Characterize the spatial diversity of territories
 CG4 Identify the main currents of geographical and social thought

CE6 Acquire the skills and methodologies specific to the geographer's field work

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CE11 Acquire the habits of analyzing geographic data in order to present it in an orderly and reasoned way, either through an oral presentation or through a written report

CT2 Acquire a significant command of a foreign language, especially English

CT5 Acquire essential notions of scientific thinking

Subject contents

1. The formation of social inequalities in the industrial city
2. Social inequalities and urban morphology
3. The housing problem in the contemporary city
4. The symbolic construction of spaces
5. Urban transformations: renewal, gentrification and exclusion
6. Slums: spaces of exclusion and marginality

Methodology

The subject will be developed from:

1. Theoretical classes with teacher presentations
2. Reading and commenting on texts (before the comment date it will be necessary to deliver a schematic review and raise questions about the text).
3. Participation in virtual forums to share information and conduct debates
4. Practical seminars of a diverse nature. They will be developed from case studies that can be presented from texts, audiovisual media, talks by invited people...
5. Field work trips. It is planned to make two trips to Lleida: Barri de la Mariola and Center Històric. A trip to Barcelona is also planned. It will be necessary to agree on the day on which the departure will be made. If any of these activities can be carried out, other types of teaching are planned to replace them.
6. Coursework. It is planned to carry out two course works, of unequal dedication. One work will be tutored throughout the semester, the other only for a few weeks. Taken together, all work will have an important weight in the final evaluation.

Development plan

Several activities will be carried out during the course. Some parallel and others consecutive.

On the one hand, apart from the teacher's explanations throughout the course, there will be debates on the readings that the students must read in relation to the topics covered. These activities will be carried out in parallel throughout the duration of the course.

On the other hand, among the consecutive activities, three excursions are planned. During the month of April to the Historic Center of Lleida. In May: Barrio de la Mariola (Lleida) and Barrio de la Mina (Barcelona). The way of

organizing these excursions may vary depending on the number of registered students who participate in them.

Regarding the course work, the topic should be raised and discussed during the month of March, when it will begin. The final presentation, before the rest of the students, will take place at the end of May.

The final test will be held on the date indicated by the Faculty of Arts. It will consist of writing a short essay, for two hours, based on a text, map, graph, etc...

Evaluation

The composition of the final grade will be made following the following proportions:

1. Class participation and follow-up during the course: 25% (class and seminar attendance, presentation and reading comments, participation in the CV Forum space...)
2. Participation in outings and activities outside the classroom: 25%
3. Coursework: 25%
4. Written test: 25% (commentary on texts, images or graphics related to the contents of the program).

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