



Universitat de Lleida

DEGREE CURRICULUM
GENERAL PREHISTORY

Coordination: ALONSO MARTINEZ, NATALIA

Academic year 2020-21

Subject's general information

Subject name	GENERAL PREHISTORY			
Code	100064			
Semester	1st Q(SEMESTER) CONTINUED EVALUATION			
Typology	Degree	Course	Character	Modality
	Bachelor's Degree in History	1	COMMON	Attendance-based
Course number of credits (ECTS)	6			
Type of activity, credits, and groups	Activity type	PRAULA	TEORIA	
	Number of credits	3	3	
	Number of groups	1	1	
Coordination	ALONSO MARTINEZ, NATALIA			
Department	HISTORY			
Teaching load distribution between lectures and independent student work	21 hours of in-person sessions 10 hours out of the classroom 21 hours of online sessions 98 hours of autonomous work			
Important information on data processing	Consult this link for more information.			
Language	Catalan Other: English and Spanish (readings)			

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

Description: study of the main historical processes during Prehistoric times from a universal perspective.

The objectives of this subject are extensive because for a part of the students this will be the only contact with this discipline throughout their university career. Therefore, it is necessary to complement both general contents that are aimed at those students who do not continue studies related to prehistory and more specific contents to the students of Archaeology.

Regarding the contents it intends:

- Present a comprehensive view of Prehistory in its different fields.
- Provide a general overview, and as far as possible complete, about the processes of historical change that took place from the Humankind origins to the establishment of metallurgical societies.
- Introduce the student in the sources and methods of Prehistory.

Concerning the skills and abilities:

- Use of ICT: interrelation between teacher and students, tools of the subject.
- Encourage reading, so that the emergence of new technologies in higher education does not involve the disuse and neglect of traditional practices of bibliographic consultation.
- Train the capacities of written expression, the capacity of synthesis, the structuring of the contents of the message, the transmission of ideas, etc .
- Acquire a basic terminology in Prehistory, use of scientific terms.

Learning objectives

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O.1 . Provide a general overview, and as far as possible complete, about the processes of historical change that took place from the Humankind origins to the establishment of the first farmers and the origin of social inequalities.
O.2. Have the first-hand knowledge of prehistoric materials and sites
O.3 . Encourage reading and critical thinking
O.4. Work written and oral skills, the ability to synthesise, structure the contents of the message, the transmission of ideas, etc.

Competences

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Competences
Detailed knowledge of a specific period of the Human past.
Capacity for analysis and synthesis.
Oral and written communication in native language.

Subject contents

Part 1.- Human origins and spread

Lesson 1.- The beginnings in Africa.

Lesson 2.- The spread of *Homo sapiens*.

Part 2. - Development of hunter-gatherer societies: Europe

Lesson 3.- The first human groups in Europe: the Lower Palaeolithic.

Lesson 4.- The Neanderthals and the Middle Paleolithic.

Lesson 5.- The first *Homo sapiens* in Europe: the Upper Paleolithic.

Lesson 6.- The first symbolic manifestations: Paleolithic art.

Lesson 7.- Intensification and complexity: the new context of the Mesolithic.

Part 3.- First farmers: the Neolithic

Lesson 8.- The transformations of the farmers and the origins of the Neolithic.

Lesson 9.- The first farming communities of the Near East.

Lesson 10.- The neolithisation of Europe

Lesson 11.- Megalithism in Europe

Part 4.- The origin of inequalities: the Protohistory

Lesson 12.- Towards complexity: the first metallurgical societies (5th-2nd millennia BC)

Lesson 13.- European societies at the dawn of History: the Iron Age in the first millennium BC

Methodology

PH classroom: in-person hours in the classroom **PH out-of-classroom:** in-person hours outside the classroom

NPH synchronous: on-line hours with the teacher **NPH autonomous:** hours of autonomous work of the students

Activity	Description	O*	G*	PH classroom	PH out-of-classroom:	NPH synchronous	NPH autonomous
Lectures	check Contents and Timeline	O.1	1	16		3	

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Seminars (S)	S1: Part 1 and 2 – Viewing and debating the documentary "La Odisea de la Especie" (2003) S2: Part 3 – Debating Reading: Yuval Noah Harari "El frau més gran de la historia"	O.1 O.3 O.4	1			4	6
Practical classes (P)	P: Practices	O.2	1			8	12
Essays (T)	T1 : Reading 1 T2 : Reading 2 T3 : Reading 3 T4 : Reading 4	O.1 O.2 O.3 O.4	1				25
Tutorials (Tut)	Tut 1: general about the organization of the subject Tut 2: referred to T and AV Tut 3: referred to T and AV	O.1 O.4	1	1		1 1	
Other (AA)	AA1: Visit to archaeological sites (to be determined) AA2: Visit to the Museu d'Arqueologia de Catalunya	O.1 O.2 O.3	1		10		
Evaluation (AV)	AV1: Exam Parts 1 + 2 (text comment + questions): 2h AV2: Exam Parts 3 + 4 (text comment + questions): 2h AV3: Test reading 1. AV4: Test reading 2 AV5: Test reading 3 AV6: Test reading 4n.	O.1 O.4	1	2 2			55
TOTAL				21	10	21	98

O: Objective. HP: hours of classroom teaching. HNP: hour of not face-to-face teaching

Evaluation

Evaluation mechnics	Codification/Description	Observations	O*	Activity	%*
Assistance and participation (As)					10
Evaluation (TA) (Exam)	TA 1: Exam Parts 1 + 2 (text comment + questions): 2h TA 2: Exam Parts 3 + 4 (text comment + questions): 2h	Written evidence consisting of two text comments (one for each block, between two to choose from) and 2 short questions.	O,1 O.3 O.4	AV1 AV2	25 25
Essays (T)					

Other (A)	A1: Reading 1 A2: Reading 2 A3: Reading 3 A4: Reading 4		O.1 O.2.	AA1	10 10 10 10
TOTAL					100

O: Objective. %: percentage in the final note.

Students who combine their degree with a full time job have the right to ask for alternative assessment within 5 days after the beginning of the semester. For information, please send an e-mail to academic@lletres.udl.cat or ask for information at the Faculty's secretary (Secretaria de la Facultat de Lletres).

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Compulsory reading

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Sanchidrián, J.L. 2001 *Manual de arte prehistórico*, Ed. Ariel, Barcelona.

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