COURSE: **SPAIN AND EUROPE: ORIGINS AND EVOLUTION II**

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<th>Language</th>
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<td>Minimum level of Spanish language required</td>
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**Course description**

The main aim of this course is to provide an overview of the history of European cultures, and the transformations that have taken place from prehistory to the current time, with a particular focus on the Hispanic area. Students will study the new reality of the Mediterranean world after the Islamic expansion from the north of Africa, the conquest of Spain, and the domination of part of the Mediterranean. In addition, we will analyse changes in the European framework, which were defined and characterised in the region that we now know as the European Union.

The programme has been divided into two blocks: the first deals with prehistory until the end of the Middle Ages in the fifteenth century. The second block will cover the sixteenth to twentieth centuries.

**Methodology**

Each session will include a presentation of the topic based on a *power point* that the students will study and prepare, to then share it with the group and complete its definition or clarification with the help of the lecturer. Students will be expected to participate actively.

**Assessment system**

Class participation and attendance: 20%
Exam on the first part: 40%
Exam on the second part: 40%

**Programme**

- Humanism and Renaissance. The great inventions and scientific advances.
- The new monarchies. The conquering Europe.
- Reformation and Counter-Reformation. The wars of religion. The new European order.
- The industrial revolution. Romanticism and Nationalism. The liberal revolutions.
- The Russian revolution and the birth of the USSR.
- Spain: First and second Republic. The dictatorship of Primo de Rivera. Civil War.
- The new international order. The Cold War and the bipolar world.
- Decolonisation and its repercussions in Europe. Spain during the Franco regime.
- The democracy in Spain.
- The European Union.
Bibliography