

61345 - Economic Growth

Syllabus Information

Academic Year: 2019/20

Subject: 61345 - Economic Growth

Faculty / School: 109 -

Degree: 525 - Master's in Economics

ECTS: 3.0

Year: 1

Semester: Second semester

Subject Type: Optional

Module: ---

1.General information

1.1.Aims of the course

1.2.Context and importance of this course in the degree

1.3.Recommendations to take this course

2.Learning goals

2.1.Competences

2.2.Learning goals

2.3.Importance of learning goals

3.Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

3.1.Assessment tasks (description of tasks, marking system and assessment criteria)

4.Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

4.1.Methodological overview

Students will be given in advance the materials to work with in each of session. These materials consist of specific book chapters and papers on the discussed topics. It will require students to read and prepare these materials before each session. During the sessions, the teacher will present the theoretical perspective, and students are expected to use critical thinking. In addition, different activities of theoretical and practical nature are proposed.

4.2.Learning tasks

The course includes the following learning tasks:

- Lectures (20 hours): compulsory attendance. Students will work with specific bibliography related to the main paradigms and issues that affect growth and development.
- Autonomous work (47 hours).
- Resolution and presentation of problems and practical cases (8 hours): compulsory attendance. They allow a deeper knowledge of economic growth insights. These will be based on the use of international databases, with statistical and econometric techniques.

4.3.Syllabus

The course will address the following topics:

- Topic 1. Growth and economic development: the big questions
- Topic 2. Four growth paradigms
- Topic 3. Determinants of wealth differences among countries
- Topic 4. Endogenous technical change
- Topic 5. The role of human capital
- Topic 6. The new facts in economic growth
- Topic 7. Globalization and growth
- Topic 8. Growth econometrics
- Topic 9. The determinants of the institutional quality of the countries
- Topic 10. The role of institutions in economic growth

4.4.Course planning and calendar

The course contents, theoretical and practical parts, will be given in 14 weeks. Topics 2, 8, 9, and 10 will require two sessions per topic. The rest of the topics will be taught in one session.

4.5.Bibliography and recommended resources

General references: They will be given through the University library.

In addition to these general resources, students will have the papers, databases and practices used in each session, available on the Web.