



**VNIvERSIDAD
D SALAMANCA**

**CURSOS
INTERNACIONALES**

PROGRAMACIÓN

SUBJECT

Economics /Political Science. Current Spain

COURSE

Business Program (45 hours)

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The recent history of Spain provides a well acknowledged model of political and economical development. From the political point of view Spain went from dictatorship to democracy under a monarchic system in a very smooth way. From an economical perspective, Spain's economy has grown exponentially and what it used to be an underdeveloped country in the fifties turned into a modern economy during the eighties and nineties. This course will analyse the different parameters involved in this process.

UNIT

Contents

**1
Introduction to Economics**

1.- Economics and choices.
2.- Three dimensions in Economic analysis: real, monetary, financial
3.- Basic economic problems.
4.- Microeconomics and Macroeconomics.
5.- Markets as allocation instruments.

**2
Economy of Spain**

1.- A short review of Spanish Economic History.
2.- The Spanish Constitution and the Spanish Economic system.
3.- Spain and the European Union.
4.- Spain's regional organization.

**3
Economic issues in Spain (I):
Income and prices**

1.- Production sectors and income generation.
2.- Poverty and income distribution.
3.- Economic growth.
4.- Inflation and money.

**4
Economic issues in Spain (II):
Social and environmental issues**

1.- Environment.
2.- Health system.

**5
Economic issues in Spain (III)**

1.- External relations

**6
Balance of payments**

1.- Development cooperation.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

See references in:

http://www.la-moncloa.es/NR/rdonlyres/2E85E75E-E2D9-4148-B1DF-950B06696A6C/74823/Chapter_2.PDF

http://www.oecd.org/document/9/0,3343,en_2649_34569_37919177_1_1_1_1,00.html

<http://www.mineco.es/Portal?cultura=en-GB>

<http://www.la-moncloa.es/IDIOMAS/9/default.htm>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Politics_of_Spain

EVALUATION PROCEDURE

Course evaluation will be based on the following:

Class participation, homework	40%
First exam	20%
<u>Final exam</u>	<u>40%</u>
Total	100%

Additionally, at the end of the course, an attendance certificate will be issued upon a minimum attendance of 90% of the sessions.