

<b>Academic Year: 2016/2017</b>			
<b>Course: Portugal in Europe</b>			
<b>Coordinator: Alina Esteves</b>			
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<b>ECTS:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Weekly Hours:</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Typology: Theoretical/practical</b>
<b>Contents</b>			
<p>I - Portugal in the European context</p> <p>1.1 - Environmental setting.</p> <p>1.1.1 - Physical Geography of Portugal: an introduction</p> <p>1.1.2 - Environmental Policy: the Portuguese framework</p> <p>1.2 - Socio-economic characterization of Portugal in the context of the enlarged EU.</p> <p>II - From Portugal at the municipal level to Portugal in Europe</p> <p>2.1 - The new state strategy in defence of colonial space and the fear of European integration.</p> <p>2.2 - Political and economic background of the progressive opening to Europe.</p> <p>2.2.1 - The Law of Development and Industrial Restructuring of the 1940s to the Development Plans of the 50s, 60s and early 70s.</p> <p>2.2.2 - Membership to EFTA (1960) and the Free Trade Agreement with the EEC (1972).</p> <p>III - The changes arising from the 1974 Revolution, the formal application for membership to the EEC (1977) and the entry in the "Europe of 12" (1986)</p> <p>3.1 - Analysis of the political and economic developments of the pre-accession period.</p> <p>3.2 - The integration of Portugal in the Community.</p> <p>3.3 - The structural backwardness of the Portuguese economy. Structural Funds, Cohesion Funds and Community Initiatives.</p> <p>IV - Effects of EU enlargement to the East</p> <p>4.1 - In relation to Portuguese agriculture.</p> <p>4.2 - In relation to industry and FDI in Portugal.</p> <p>4.3 - In relation to the structure of Portuguese imports and exports.</p> <p>V - Analysis of the Community financial programming period 2007-2013</p> <p>VI - Portugal and the Programme Horizon 2020</p>			
<b>Objectives and skills</b>			
Goals:			

- To identify the main features of the physical geography of Portugal: climate, geomorphology, hydrology and biogeography;
- To know the Portuguese economic structure and investment options of international financing in Portugal;
- To identify and understand the key issues and development challenges that Portugal faces, developing an informed judgment on the most appropriate policy responses;
- To understand the consequences of the choices made in the organization of society and the territory;
- To know the main European policies in the areas of agriculture, fisheries, industry, and R & D.

**Skills:**

- To use the knowledge on the physical geography of Portugal to understand the main natural controls on the organization of the population in the territory;
- To critically evaluate the causes of the structural backwardness of Portugal in relation to other European countries;
- To interpret the way the political and economic choices have affected the evolution of the country in the European context;
- To understand the impact of successive enlargements of the EU transfers to Portugal;
- To emit opinions based on the option to change the level of economic areas to focus.

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**Knowledge evaluation methods and their partial grades**

- 1st written test (30%)  
2nd written test (30%)  
Group essay (40%)