COURSE DETAIL

SPAIN IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, 1939 TO 2000

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

King's College London

Program(s)

King's College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science History

UCEAP Course Number

140

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title

SPAIN IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, 1939 TO 2000

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

For a long time, Spain was considered an exception in Europe due to the legacy of the seemingly interminable authoritarian regime of Francisco Franco, one of the longest-lasting dictatorships in Europe (1939-1975). Ironically, this image has been radically reversed in recent years. Spain is frequently considered an exemplary case, given that its peaceful transition to democracy (1975-1978), seconded by its subsequent impressive economic growth during the 1980s and 1990s, has served as a model throughout Latin America and Central and Eastern Europe. This course explores exaggerated images of Spain as both a backward nation during the civil war and the dictatorship, and a triumphant one during democracy. The course analyzes these historical periods in the context of broad European trends. The course covers the defining period of contemporary Spanish history, a post-imperial Spain, adjusting with difficulty to a new European identity, following European patterns (industrialization, demographic transition, democratization), but with important specificities due to historical traditions, economic backwardness, geography, and foreign intervention.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

4AASA025

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Host Institution Campus

King's College London

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Spanish, Portuguese, and Latin American Studies

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