

HISTORY BLOC:
WESTERN HISTORY FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE PRESENT

If you are thinking of following an academic path after getting your degree, English is the international scientific language and, at a time of growing interest in the promotion of bilingual and even trilingual Educative Systems, its command is one of the basic requirements for all those interested in a career in research and teaching, whether at University or High School level. Research and teaching may seem attractive options to those with a strong academic bent, but you may have other aims after getting your degree. You might be considering the idea of following a career in the private sector, but here again the knowledge of English is one of the basic requirements that any candidate must fulfill to get a job. In other words: Whatever your career options are, a good command of English will do no any harm, quite the opposite, and the Bloc “Western History: From the Beginnings to Present” gives you a good chance to achieve it!

The courses.

With the Bloc “Western History” the faculty offers you the opportunity to take a substantial part of the courses of our History degree using English as the learning language. As you will see below, the Bloc “Western History” is made up of seven courses (nearly 20% of the History degree), focused on the History of Europe and its American offshoots, from Ancient Greece till the present. These courses are distributed all along the four academic years of the degree, and will be taught by a group of nine lecturers from different departments of our Faculty, with experience both in research and teaching in Spanish and Foreign Universities (Cambridge, Oxford, Toronto, Texas). Another purpose of the Bloc is to provide the student with a global and updated view of Western History, with room for debate and discussion of the latest developments in the field.

The students.

Of course, we are well aware that the use of English as learning language involves an added difficulty, but we think that this is worth the effort! This bloc is addressed to all those keen and inquisitive students, willing to work hard to learn history and to improve their linguistic skills at the same time. You may be wondering by now whether you are the right kind of person for this project. Although it is not compulsory to possess any Cambridge certificates (First Certificate, Advanced or Proficiency), and it is up to you to decide if you want to join us, we are interested in candidates with fluent English. If you fulfil this requirement and you are interested in learning history, then you are the kind of person we are looking for. In any case, please remember that although one of the purposes of the Bloc is the development of the linguistic skills of the students, we are not training candidates for sitting the First Certificate or Cambridge Advanced

English exams, but historians with enough potential to use English as a second language in their academic and professional career.

Recognition.

Students can either take the whole bloc or just some of the courses. In any case, they will receive a mention in the Diploma Supplement (DS, also known in Spanish as “Suplemento Europeo al Título” or SET) of their Degree, stating the number of ECTS they have taken in English while attending the courses of this bloc. And, of course, they will be in a better position to get recognized the level of knowledge of English by the University when applying for an Erasmus+ mobility.

List of courses and professors.

Título	Curs	Cuat.	Profesor	email
World Economic History	1	2	José Ignacio Andrés Ucendo	joseignacio.andres@ehu.eus
An Introduction to the Contemporary World	2	2	Santiago de Pablo Contreras / José María Portillo Valdés	santi.depablo@ehu.eus josemaria.portillo@ehu.eus
America in the Early Modern Age	2	2	Oscar Alvarez Gila	oscar.alvarez@ehu.eus
Early Modern Age I	2	2	Alvaro Aragón Ruano	alvaro.aragon@ehu.eus
Medieval History: Feudal Europe.	3	1	Fabrizio Titone	fabrizio.titone@ehu.eus
Ancient History II	3	1	Elena Torregaray Pagola / Denis Álvarez Pérez-Sostoa	elena.torregaray@ehu.eus denis.alvarez@ehu.eus
Contemporary Ibero-America	4	2	Oscar Alvarez Gila	oscar.alvarez@ehu.eus