

**COURSE DATA****Data Subject**

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Subject-matter

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2204 - M.D. in Social Economics (Coop.and Non-Profit Organisations)	13 - Consumer cooperatives and other kinds	Optional

Coordination

Name	Department
GONZALEZ PONS, ELISABET DOLORS	70 - Mercantile Law 'Manuel Broseta Pont'

SUMMARY

The subject of consumer cooperatives and business services, belongs to the module "Specialty Cooperatives and Worker-1" whose objective is the study and analysis of these types of social economy enterprises. In particular, this course focuses on two basic models of cooperatives such as the consumer and business services, and various types in which these are expressed in response to the economic activity (electrical, housing, transportation, etc.).

This course aims to deepen the student in the various peculiarities of each type of cooperative, usually a result of the economic sector in which it sits and socio-economic interests of its members. This knowledge should enable better understanding of the problems posed by these companies and help you make the right decisions to overcome it.

The course is three credits and its contents are theoretical and practical. The practical aspect is fundamentally case study in problem solving and proposal of a draft constitution of cooperative.



PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

Relationship to other subjects of the same degree

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

Other requirements

Having completed the core subjects of de master

OUTCOMES

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- Students should apply acquired knowledge to solve problems in unfamiliar contexts within their field of study, including multidisciplinary scenarios.
- Students should be able to integrate knowledge and address the complexity of making informed judgments based on incomplete or limited information, including reflections on the social and ethical responsibilities associated with the application of their knowledge and judgments.
- Students should communicate conclusions and underlying knowledge clearly and unambiguously to both specialized and non-specialized audiences.
- Students should demonstrate self-directed learning skills for continued academic growth.
- Comprender el funcionamiento de las entidades y empresas que conforman la Economía Social
- Students should possess and understand foundational knowledge that enables original thinking and research in the field.
- Know how to work in multidisciplinary teams reproducing real contexts and contributing and coordinating their own knowledge with that of other branches and participants.
- Participate in, lead and coordinate debates and discussions, be able to summarize them and extract the most relevant conclusions accepted by the majority.
- Use different presentation formats (oral, written, slide presentations, boards, etc.) to communicate knowledge, proposals and positions.
- Proyectar sobre problemas concretos sus conocimientos y saber resumir y extraer los argumentos y las conclusiones más relevantes para su resolución.
- Ser capaces de buscar, ordenar, analizar y sintetizar la información, seleccionando aquella que resulta pertinente para la toma de decisiones.
- Saber trabajar en equipo con eficacia y eficiencia.
- Ser capaces de tomar decisiones tanto individuales como colectivas en su labor profesional y/o investigadora.
- Have a proactive attitude towards possible changes that may occur in their professional and/or investigative work.



- Be able to integrate new technologies in their professional and/or research work.
- Know how to write and prepare presentations to present and defend them later.
- Ser capaces de analizar de forma crítica tanto su trabajo como el de su compañeros.
- Be able to integrate into teams, both as managers or coordinators and for specific and limited functions and in support of the team or of others.
- Entender el ámbito de actuación de la Economía Social desde sus diferentes puntos de vista y perspectivas: jurídica, social, económica y empresarial, fundamentalmente.
- Entender el funcionamiento de las cooperativas de consumidores y de otras clases de cooperativas como las de servicios profesionales, viviendas, etc.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The main learning outcomes to be achieved are:

Know the various forms of cooperative enterprise may be established.

Understand and assess the main problems affecting these types of businesses.

Knowing how to use legal instruments and management techniques to improve the organization and running a business.

Ability to evaluate situations and make decisions

Synthesis capacity

Learn how to design a business plan.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. Introduction and consumer cooperatives

- 1.1. Introductory notes on typology and cooperatives and partners
- 1.2. Cooperatives multiactive, integrated and mixed.
- 1.3. Sections of cooperatives.
- 1.4. Consumer cooperatives. Purpose and classes.
- 1.5. Economic Importance and most relevant companies
- 1.6. Legal regulation.



2. Cooperative Consumers and Users

- 2.1. Cooperatives vs. consumer associations
- 2.2. Main features and challenges.
- 2.3. Participation of members and cooperative advantages
- 2.4. Round table on experiences.

3. Housing cooperatives

- 3.1. Origin
- 3.2. Classes and differences with owner communities
- 3.3. Economic Importance
- 3.4. Legal regulation
- 3.5. Management of housing cooperatives

4. Housing cooperatives

- 4.1. Cooperatives of assignment of the use of the house
- 4.2. Residential cooperatives
- 4.3. Cooperatives of commercial premises and professional offices
- 4.4. Experiences

5. Cooperatives Business and Professional Services (I): Principles

- 5.1. Origin
- 5.2. Regulation
- 5.3. Classes
- 5.4. Economic Importance
- 5.5. Problems

6. Cooperatives Business and Professional Services (II): classes

- 6.1. Cooperative retailers
- 6.2. Shippers Cooperatives
- 6.3. Professional Services Coop. vs. Cooperatives of professionals and self-employed cooperatives.
- 6.4. Cases and experiences.

**WORKLOAD**

ACTIVITY	Hours	% To be attended
Classroom practices	18,00	100
Theory classes	12,00	100
Development of group work	4,00	0
Development of individual work	10,00	0
Study and independent work	6,00	0
Readings supplementary material	5,00	0
Preparation of evaluation activities	5,00	0
Preparing lectures	10,00	0
Resolution of case studies	5,00	0
TOTAL	75,00	

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The learning module is divided into a theoretical and a practical part.

The theoretical part will be developed through lectures supported by the Basic and complementary bibliography for each topic and specific reading materials to be provided to the student, to the extent possible through the virtual classroom. Will be given for student participation during the theoretical sessions, especially in sessions devoted to experiences, participation in being either raise issues, such as reflections and personal assessments.

(The practice is developed through individual and group work, tutored. The information necessary for their development will be provided to students in class and through the virtual classroom, subject to the additional information gained by the student and can be support the management of the practice. practical exercises on the experiences presented comments should be performed individually, while the other exercises, we recommend its realization in group (3 to 4 people).

The student can use both the virtual and face tutorials to solve with the teacher doubts that may arise in connection with the study and performing the exercises.

EVALUATION

The evaluation system will consist of a continuous evaluation, based on the following aspects:

- Attendance to the theoretical classes and seminars of the lesson and participation in them (up to 10% of the overall grade).
- Reports and cases (up to 50%).
- Final exam (up to 40% of the overall grade).



The exam will take place on the official date and will consist of answering 3 theoretical-practical questions.

Policy for the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). A paragraph should be included at the end of any task that uses Artificial Intelligence, explaining what it has been used for and what instructions have been applied to obtain the results. Failure to do so will violate the academic honesty policy and will be considered plagiarism. In fact, according to article 11.g of Law 3/2022, of February 24th, on university coexistence, regarding ChatGPT, it shall be considered a very serious offense to fully or partially plagiarize a work, or engage in academic fraud in the preparation of any assignment or activity requested of the students. Academic fraud shall be understood as any deliberate behavior aimed at falsifying the results of an exam or assignment, whether it is one's own or someone else's (including the improper use of artificial intelligence such as ChatGPT), carried out as a requirement to pass a subject or demonstrate academic performance.

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