



COURSE PROGRAM

Latin America Regional Scenario in the 20th and 21st Centuries

ACADEMIC CODE	TOTAL		DISTRIBUTION OF ACADEMIC HOURS:			MAJOR:
	SCT	UD	CAT	LAB	TALL	
	5	4	64			SEMESTER IN ENGLISH PROGRAM
SEMESTER	REQUIREMENTS					
	NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS MUST PRESENT A CERTIFICATE FROM THEIR ENGLISH DEPARTMENT THAT DEMONSTRATES THEY HAVE AN ADVANCED (B2/+) LEVEL OF ENGLISH (SPOKEN AND WRITTEN)					
COURSE DESCRIPTION						
<p>This course defines and explains the concepts of political power, totalitarianism, ideology, dictatorship, democracy and national interest, to apply them to the Latin American reality today. During the semester, the students will identify the socio-cultural elements that shaped the Latin American Identities, in order to explain the evolution and outcome of political and economic models applied in the region during the 20th and 21st century. Since the course explains the historical differences and similarities amongst the Latin American countries, it helps to develop a different vision from the usual stereotypes. The main representative cases will be focused on the recent political crisis in Venezuela, Argentina and Chile.</p>						
LEARNING OUTCOMES						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Define and explain the concepts of political power, totalitarianism, ideology, dictatorship, democracy and national interest, to apply them to the Latin American reality. - Identify the socio-cultural elements that shape the Latin American Identities in order to explain the evolution and outcome of political and economic models applied in the region during the last two centuries. - Explain the historical differences and similarities among the Latin American countries in order to develop a vision different from the usual stereotypes. - Explain the major political, economic and social events of the twentieth and twenty first centuries in Latin America (Cuban Revolution, dictatorships and dirty war, international openness, Venezuelan and Brazilian crisis, etc.) 						
PRINCIPAL CONTENT						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The roots of Latin America, its origins, idiosyncrasy, culture and the most important events that shaped its identity so far. 						



- The rise of leftist movements in Latin America during the seventies, and how some of them led to military interventions/coups, especially in South America. US intervention during that period.
- How the US and International Monetary Fund policies applied in LA have failed to solve the historical inequality of the region.
- The political and social processes in Argentina, and the Dirty War during the seventies, and its influence in the region at that time.
- The political and social processes in Peru, and its influence in the neighboring countries.

TEACHING AND EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

It is an elective course based on case studies and subsequent debate, in order to use the contents delivered and the legitimate prospects of political analysis.

It considers just a few lectures complemented by readings, both in classroom and at home, and audiovisual support (documentaries), all which will be discussed during the class, along with led discussions on specific issues and events.

MAIN BIBLIOGRAPHY

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SUGGESTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

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SMITH, PETER H. "TALONS OF THE EAGLE. LATIN AMERICA, THE UNITED STATES, AND THE WORLD". OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, 2008.

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