Department of Romance Studies and Classics

Stockholm University

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Media in Latin America
Media i Latinamerika

7.5 Higher Education Credits
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	LA4402
Valid from:	Spring 2014
Date of approval:	2012-04-04
Changed:	2013-03-13
Department	Department of Romance Studies and Classics
Main field:	Latin America Studies
Specialisation:	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This course syllabus was finalised by the Faculty Board of Humanities on 2013-03-13.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree in social/human sciences or equivalent. Swedish upper secondary school course English B/English 6 or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
4402	Media in Latin America	7.5

Course content

The course provides an empirical and theoretical overview of the role of media in Latin American countries, specifically in the areas of media and politics, popular culture, and media representations of class, gender and sexuality. The course presents contemporary media research in Latin America and discusses current aspects of everyday life in Latin American countries through an analysis of their media.

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students shall be able to:
- Critically examine the interaction between media and politics in Latin American countries
- Describe and analyse contemporary media research about and in Latin America
- Reflect on mechanisms of media representation.

Education

Lectures and seminars. Mandatory attendance of 80%.

Forms of examination

a. The course is examined through 3 individual written assignments. Compulsory attendance during at least 4 out of 5 seminars. For more detailed information, please refer to the course description.

b. Grades are awarded according to a seven-point, goal-related grading scale:

A = Excellent

B = Very good
C = Good
D = Satisfactory
E = Sufficient
Fx = Insufficient
F = Totally insufficient

c. The written examination criteria are communicated to the students at the start of the course.

d. To receive a final grade for the entire course, a minimum grade of E is required on all written assignments, as well as a completed attendance rate of 80%.

e. In the event of a failing grade, students have the right to undergo examination for as long as the course is given. Students who have received the lowest passing grade of E may not undergo re-examination in order to achieve a higher grade. Students who have received a grade of Fx or F twice in a row on a test held by the same examiner have the right to have another examiner appointed at the next examination, unless special reasons contradict this. Such requests must be made to the Department Board. For each course instance, two examinations are offered during the semester in question. At least one examination opportunity is also provided in the semester or year in which no course instance occurs.

f. Supplementation of a grade of Fx may be permitted if the student is close to the limit for a passing grade. In such instance, examination takes the form of oral presentations or written assignments. The assignment must be submitted within one week after the need for supplementation has been announced by the examiner. The grade of E is used for the approved supplementation of deficiencies - minor misunderstandings, minor inaccuracies or, in some cases, overly limited reasoning. The grades A - E are used for the approved supplementation of simpler, formal errors.

Required reading

For current required reading, please refer to the department's website. The current reading list is made available no later than one month before the start of the course.