

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Latin American thinking: socio-economic, political and cultural ideas
Latinamerikanska idétraditioner: socioekonomi, politik och kultur

**7.5 Higher Education
Credits**
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	LA7102
Valid from:	Autumn 2019
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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

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree within Human sciences and English 6, or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
7102	Latin American Ideas	7.5

Course content

The history of ideas in Latin America is related to the power structures which have characterized the region since the encounter between the European and indigenous civilizations. The course focuses on the ideas and theories attempting to explain this basic and difficult coexistence between different social groups within a societal hierarchy marked by immense inequalities in terms of class, race, ethnicity and gender, as well as the also conflictive relationship between the continent and the international powers. The course takes up some of the main contributions of Latin American thinkers in areas such as politics, sociology, economy and pedagogy, as well as the local adaptations of imported ideas in these areas. The aim of the course is to provide an understanding of the ideas which have historically prevailed in Latin America as well as of the social, economic and political context which have nurtured them.

Learning outcomes

After completing the course the students should be able to:

- identify the main influential ideas and theories elaborated in and adapted to Latin America
- describe and analyze the social, economic and political context within which these ideas and theories have been elaborated and adapted to Latin America.
- critically examine the evolution in Latin America, until today, of dominant ideas and theories.

Education

Seminars and tutoring. Teaching language: English

Forms of examination

a) Forms of examination - Oral presentations - Take-home exam.

b) Grades are given according to a referred seven-point scale:

A = Excellent
B = Very Good
C = Good
D = Satisfactory
E = Adequate
Fx = Insufficient
F = Fail

c) Grading criteria The criteria for grading this course are to be distributed at the beginning of the course and are binding.

d) Final degree The grade of a minimum E is required in order to obtain a pass mark for the course. For more detailed information see the course description which is available one month before the onset of the course.

e) Failure Students, who have received a grade E or higher, may not re-take the test in order to improve their marks. For each course, two opportunities for examination will be offered. Moreover, at least one opportunity for examination will be offered such a year when the course is not given.

Students who have received a grade Fx or a grade F (twice on a given test by the same examiner) on application, can be granted a new examiner. This is provided if there are no specific reasons against it. The application should be addressed to the Board of the department. (*institutionsstyrelsen*).

f) Complementation Opportunity will be given for complementation from Fx to an approved grade. The complementary task should be handed in within a week after the examiner having announced the need for complementation. After complementation the student may receive the grades C-E. complementation

Interim

When the course plan is repealed, the student has the right to be examined once every semester in accordance to present course plan during a dismantling period of three semesters.

Limitations

The course cannot be credited in the exam together with another course taken inside the country or abroad, which content completely or partly corresponds to the content of the course.

Required reading

Check the department's website for the course's reading list: www.su.se/romklass. Updated reading lists are available two months before the course starts.