Department of Romance Studies and Classics

Stockholm University

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Geography, Regions and People in Latin America
Geografi, regioner och befolkning i Latinamerika

7.5 Higher Education Credits
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	LA7103
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
7103	Geography, Regions and People in Latin America	7.5

Course content

Latin America is a vast region spanning parts of North America, the West Indies and most of Central and South America. The course focuses on understanding the geography of Latin America and its sub-regions, such as the Andean countries, the Southern Cone, the Caribbean and Central America, including Mexico. The course does also analyse the cultural and national features behind the conformation of the region, its sub-regions and its respective nation-states. All this is connected to the economic and geopolitical elements which have impacted on the developments of these geographical spaces. The aim of the course is to deepen the knowledge of how regions, peoples and landscapes take shape and how they change.

Learning outcomes

After completing the course the students should be able to:
- identify the distinguishing traits of the region and its sub-regions from a geographic, social and economic perspective.
- describe and analyze the interplay between the geopolitical, economic and social processes of the region.
- critically examine the processes which have contributed to the emergence and development of the region, its sub-regions and its nation-states.

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 critera 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

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.