

# Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**Latin American Social History**  
**Latinamerikas sociala historia**

**7.5 Higher Education  
Credits**  
**7.5 ECTS credits**

<b>Course code:</b>	LA7101
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2017
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2017-02-21
<b>Department</b>	Department of Romance Studies and Classics
<b>Main field:</b>	Latin America Studies
<b>Specialisation:</b>	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
7101	Social History of Latin America	7.5

### Course content

The course focuses on how different strategically important social groups have been developed and inserted into Latin American society, such as the military, the Church, the landed elite, the business community, women, labour and peasants etc. It analyses the constellation and stratification of social forces at different historical junctures as well as historically changing power relations within these groups. The course puts emphasis on the formation of modern Latin American society since the 1930s onwards. In relation to this, it re-introduces and discusses concepts and phenomena such corporatism, positivism, clientelism, and populism.

### Learning outcomes

In order to pass the course the student should be able to:

- understand and discuss the historical development, stratification and relationship between key social actors in Latin American,
- understand and critically analyze theories on Latin American state-society relations, such as theories on corporatism and populism etc,
- understand how different societal processes such as urbanisation, industrialisation and demokratisation have affected the power balance between different social groups in Latin America

### 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

### **Required reading**

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