

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Democratization in Latin America: Citizenship, institutions and rule of law **7.5 Higher Education Credits**
Demokratisering i Latinamerika: medborgarskap, institutioner och rättsstaten **7.5 ECTS credits**

Course code: LA7105
Valid from: Spring 2018
Date of approval: 2017-09-12
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 in Humanities, Social Sciences or Law. English 6 or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
7105	Democratisation	7.5

Course content

The course departs from the notion that Latin America, during the 20th century, experienced two waves of democratization. A main theme of study are the reasons as to why different countries took alternative roads to democracy. The main focus here is dedicated to those processes of democratization which were initiated in the late 1970s and 1980s, as well as a number of deficiencies in these processes with regards to the institutional structure of the state and the defense of citizenship rights. Moreover, the course discusses innovative reforms enacted recently in various countries in order to create and strengthen local forms of participatory democracy.

Learning outcomes

To pass the course, the student should be able to:

- * understand and account for why Latin American transitions to democracy have varied between countries and different periods in time.
- * account for why several countries have demonstrated severe problems regarding the consolidation of democracy
- * account for how the state apparatus during the latest wave of democratization has been reformed in order to strengthen political participation and guarantee the defence of citizenship rights.

Education

Seminars and, where applicable, 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. Updated reading lists are available two months before the course starts.