

# Syllabus

for course at first level

**Land, people and power in Latin America and the Caribbean**  
**Land, folk och makt i Latinamerika och Karibien**

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

<b>Course code:</b>	LAS108
<b>Valid from:</b>	Spring 2023
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<b>Department</b>	Department of Romance Studies and Classics
<b>Main field:</b>	Latin America Studies
<b>Specialisation:</b>	G1N - First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

## Decision

This course plan is determined by the departmental board at the Department of Romance Studies and Classics.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

### Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
S108	Land, people and power in Latin America and the Caribbean	7.5

### Course content

The course highlights people's struggle for land and their relationship to territory in Latin America, going back to pre-Columbian civilizations' relationship between territory, power and culture. The course then analyzes colonial structures, with a focus on continuities, hybrid forms and the new structures that are presently emerging, all of this with an emphasis on the relation between geography/territory, society, cultural expressions and post-colonial nation-state building. The course identifies elements of continuity and change in relation to issues of territory and society. How have different forms of urbanization been designed? How does the relationship between urban and rural, between center and periphery, change in a national, regional and global context?

### Learning outcomes

After the course, the student is expected to be able to:

- understand and explain the relationship between territory and state formation in different periods of Latin American history;
- explain rural-urban relationships in different periods, and
- explain how coincident and opposing interests between local and external actors express themselves in matters of territorial control and cultural belonging.

### Education

The teaching consists of seminars and lectures. Some mandatory elements may be included. The teaching language is English.

Teaching takes place on campus or online (with lessons in real time), as specified for the respective occasion for the course.

During some semesters, the course can be offered as a self-study course, whereby the student can meet the examiner on at least one occasion and have email contact. For information on which form of teaching is current for the semester, please refer to the department's website. The information is available no later than one month before the start of the course.

### **Forms of examination**

a) The course is examined through 2-5 written assignments.

The letter grades A-E are converted to the numbers 5-1 and added together to form an average grade. Examination takes place in English, unless otherwise agreed by the examiner.

If the student has a certificate with a recommendation for special educational support due to a disability, the examiner has the right to give an adapted test or have the student complete the test in an alternative way.

b) Grading takes place according to a seven-point goal-related grading scale:

A = Excellent  
B = Very good  
C = Good  
D = Satisfactory  
E = Sufficient  
Fx = Fail, some more work required  
F = Fail, much more work required

c) The written grading criteria are communicated to the students at course start.

d) In order to receive a passing grade for the entire course, a minimum grade of E is required on all assignments, as well as completed mandatory assignments.

For more detailed information, refer to the course description.

e) Students who have received the lowest grade E may not undergo a renewed examination for a higher grade. Students who have received the grade Fx or F on an exam twice in a row by the same examiner have the right to have another examiner appointed for the next exam, unless there are special reasons against it. The petition about this must be made to the institution's board. For each course opportunity, there must be at least two examination opportunities during the current semester. At least one examination opportunity must also be offered in the semester or year in which there is no course opportunity.

f) Possibility of supplementing the grade Fx is not allowed on this course.

### **Interim**

When the syllabus is suspended, the student has the right to be examined once per semester according to the present syllabus during a winding-up period of three semesters.

### **Limitations**

The course may not be included in the degree at the same time as a course completed and approved within or outside the country, the content of which fully or partially corresponds to the content of the course.

### **Required reading**

For current course literature, please see the department's website [www.su.se/romklass](http://www.su.se/romklass)

Current literature list is available no later than two months before the start of the course