

PROPERU ACADEMIC PROGRAM – CBC

JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY

COURSE	:	Political History of Latin America
DURATION	:	11 weeks
HOURS	:	42 teaching hours - 4 hours weekly
PROFESSOR	:	Carlos Moscoso Perea

I. SUMMARY

The course treats, in a general manner, through didactic exhibitions, critiques and debates, some themes of the contemporary political history of Latin America, from its Independence to the present, putting emphasis on the political and social actors and their political institutions.

II. OBJECTIVE

To offer students a quick and panoramic vision of the past, present and future of Latin American politics.

III. METHODOLOGY

The professor will develop the course through introductory exhibitions on each theme, encouraging student participation through questions and comments. Some themes will complement each other with the exhibition of invited specialists while other themes will be reinforced through readings and films.

IV. EVALUATION

The evaluation is constant. The grades of qualification are from 0 to 20, the minimum passing grade being 10.5. The final result will be an average of the following areas and the percentage will represent each one:

- a) The average of three exams equivalent to 30%, the same ones that will be taken at the end of the lectures in the 4th, 6th and 10th weeks.
- b) The grade of the final exam equivalent to 25% that will be taken the 4th of December.
- c) The reports and oral participation by the students in class, equivalent to 30%.
- d) A written work of comments and opinion, minimum of 5 pages, on whichever of the three mandatory lectures, formulated by the student by the third week, equivalent to 15%.

V. PROGRAM

WEEK ONE

FORMATION OF THE LATIN AMERICAN STATES

1. The colonial experience. - 2. The independence processes. - 3. The debate: Monarchy, Republic. - 4. Liberal thought of the period. - 5. New nations and new states.

WEEK TWO

MILITARISM AND POPULISM

1. Republican militarism. - 2. Nationalism and dictatorship. - 3. Populism: Different aspects. - 4. Populism

as an ideology.

WEEK THREE

CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY IN LATIN AMERICA

1. Population growth. - 2. Mass society. - 3. Emigrational phenomenon. - 4. Ethnic minorities. - 5. Social structure and social class. - 6. Gender questions. - 7. Mass culture.

WEEK FOUR

CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL FIGURES

1.- Túpac Amaru. 2.- San Martín y Bolívar. 3.- Pancho Villa.- 4.- Farabundo Martí.- 5. Juan Domingo Perón.- 6. Fidel Castro.- 7.- Che Guevara.- 8.- Hugo Chávez.

Reading for the first part:

Carlos MOSCOSO, “Administración municipal versus gestión municipal”, in Crónicas Urbanas – Revista de Análisis, December 2005.

Activity:

Film about the Mexican Revolution and Pancho Villa

WEEK FIVE

DEMOCRACY IN LATIN AMERICA

1. Democratic tradition. - 2. Battles for democracy. - 3. Towards participative democracy. - 4. Elections and political campaigns. - 5. Democracy and socialism.

WEEK SIX

POLITICAL PARTIES AND PRESSURE GROUPS

1. The left. - 2. The right. - 3. The middle. - 4. Populism. - 5. Social organizations. - 6. Businesses. - 7. Unions. - 8. Countrymen. - 9. Armed forces. - 10. The church.

WEEK SEVEN

LATINAMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL REGIME

1. Latin-American constitutionalism. - 2. The Constitution of Cádiz of 1812. - 3. Fundamental rights. - 4. Types of state and types of government. - 5. Processes of decentralization. - 6. Parliamentary Regime. - 7. Public administration and the judicial system.

Reading for the second part:

Diario La República: DOSSIER: El Nuevo Mapa Político: “Latinoamérica Gira a la Izquierda”, 17 December 2006.

WEEK EIGHT

WEALTH AND POVERTY IN LATIN AMERICA

1. The theory of dependence. - 2. Common thought in current economics. - 3. Inequalities. - 4. Causes of poverty. - 5. Regional differences. - 6. Liberalization of the economy. - 6. Globalization.

WEEK NINE

POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND CORRUPTION

1. The revolutions: Mexican, Bolivian, Cuban. - 2. Guerillas and terrorism. - 3. Ideology of subversive groups. - 4. Sendero Luminoso. - 5. Right violence. - 6. Drug-trafficking. - 7. Latin American corruption. - 8. The case of Fujimori-Montesano.

WEEK TEN

INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

1. Process of integration in Latin America. - 2. Current commercial blocks. - 3. Latin America and the USA. - 4. Latin America and the European Union. - 5. Latin America and other regions. - 6. Free Commerce Treaty with the USA

Reading for the third part:

Conclusiones del Informe de la Comisión de la Verdad y Reconciliación (Perú).

Activity:

Film about Peruvian subversive group, Sendero Luminosa: "En la boca del lobo".

WEEK ELEVEN

FINAL EVALUATION

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