

NAME			HOURS	CREDITS
INTRODUCTION TO MEXICO: A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH		THEORETICAL	4	8
COURSE NUMBER	COURSE CODE	PRÁCTICAL	0	0
100235	IM849	TOTAL	4	8

DEPARTMENT

COOPERACIÓN ACADÉMICA

GENERAL OBJECTIVE:

Understand the political, economic, social and cultural aspects regarding Mexico, as well as its main challenges and its participation and importance in the world.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

1. Understand the political, economic, social and cultural aspects that shape Mexico's identity.
2. Identify the main players in international relations
3. Create an awareness of the main challenges that Mexico faces.
4. Describe the current situation of the country.
5. Have a first hand experience of the reality in Mexico

MAIN TOPICS

1. Introduction
 - a. General information and facts about Mexico
 - b. Relevant episodes of Mexico's history
 - c. Mexico and the world

2. Political Aspects
 - a. Government
 - b. Political parties
 - c. Foreign policies
 - d. International Cooperation

3. Economic Aspects
 - a. Strategic geopolitical location for new commercial routes
 - b. Natural Resources
 - c. Tourism
 - d. Corruption
 - e. Poverty
 - f. Principal Allies
 - g. Climate change, industries and new technologies

4. Social Aspects
 - a. Migration- "La Bestia"
 - b. Drug Trafficking, organized crime (Femicides, enforced disappearances, human trafficking, piracy, among others).
 - c. Public security (kidnaps, extortion, homicides)
 - d. Freedom of information, freedom of expression, Journalists crimes
 - e. Fourth generation rights
 - f. Indigenous communities and discrimination

5. Cultural Aspects

- a. Music
- b. Cuisine
- c. Literature
- d. Visual Arts
- e. Cinema
- f. Mexican Fashion
- g. Traditions and Folk

6. Current Situation of the country

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY:

1. Schaefer, Agnes Gereben. Security in Mexico. 2009
2. Aguila, Emma. United States and Mexico. 2012
3. Langston, Joy. Democratization and Authoritarian Party Survival. 2017
4. Martínez, Oscar. Mexico's Uneven development. 2015
5. All materials and readings are provided by the teacher

LEARNING METHOD:

Presentations, Videos, Team Work, Analysis of News, Debates, Quizzes and a Final Essay.

EVALUATION

REQUIREMENTS

A minimum assistance of 80% is required to pass the course. The students must deliver all the work to pass the course.

INSTRUMENTS	MANDATORY	PERCENTAGE	OBJECTIVES
Readings	YES	20%	Participation and engagement in class discussions
Quizzes and Debates	YES	50%	Knowing the level of knowledge acquire in class.
Final Presentation and Essay	YES	30%	Use the elements explained in class to present a specific topic and analyze its situation.