

NAME			HOURS	CRÉDITS
MEXICO AND LATIN AMERICA: CASE STUDIES		THEORETICAL	4	8
COURSE NUMBER	COURSE CODE	PRACTICAL	0	0
100234	CSLA1	TOTAL	4	8

**DEPARTMENT**

COOPERACIÓN ACADÉMICA

**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:**

The overall objective of the course is to analyze from a comparative perspective the main political, economical, social and international processes that have taken place in the region of Mexico and Latin America in the last 30 years and that affect the international scenario.

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES (the student will be capable of:)**

1. Know a general panorama of the region of Mexico and Latin America
2. Understand the main historical situations as well as current situations that affect the region of Mexico and Latin America
3. Deepen the previous knowledge of the study cases
4. Analyze and compare the situations and achieve perspectives on the future
5. Understand the background of the situations to keep on studying the cases

**MAIN TOPICS**

1. Introduction to Mexico and Latin America
  - a. Brief history of the region
  - b. Mexico, Latin America and United States
2. VENEZUELA
  - a. Hugo Chavez
  - b. Nicolás Maduro
3. CUBA
  - a. Cuba- USA, key colony, socialist state
  - b. Medicine
4. COSTA RICA
  - a. First Democracy in Latin America
5. COLOMBIA
  - a. Revolutionary Forces of Columbia (FARC-EP)
6. ARGENTINA
  - a. Progress?
  - b. Caught up between the left and right political wing
7. BRAZIL
  - a. The Awakening Giant
  - b. The Giant Totters
8. CHILE
  - a. Economical Stability
  - b. Remains of Pinochet's dictatorship
9. URUGUAY
  - a. The big democracy of the little country
10. CENTRO AMERICA
  - a. The forgotten border
  - b. The primitive democracy
11. MEXICO
  - a. The Memo (The Mexican Moment)
  - b. The new commercial era of North America

**BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

1. Democracy in Latin America: Political Change in Comparative Perspective by Peter H. Smith
2. Latin America Confronts the United States: Asymmetry and Influence by Tom long
3. Democracy in Latin America by Peter Smith
4. Modern Latin America by Thomas E. Skidmore
5. Magazine of Foreign Affairs
6. International and local newspaper
7. Information and Articles assigned by the professor will be provided during class

**LEARNING METHOD:**

Presentations, Videos, Team Work, Debates, Analysis of News, 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.**

<b>INSTRUMENTS</b>	<b>MANDATORY</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>	<b>OBJECTIVES</b>
Readings	YES	20%	Participation and engagement in class discussions.
Position Papers of each situation	YES	40%	Summarize all the information and being able to identify the most relevant information and write it as a position paper of the study case.
Final Presentation and Essay	YES	40%	Identify a different study case and present it. (Teams)