COURSE DETAIL

POLITICS IN LATIN AMERICA

Country
Australia

Host Institution
Australian National University

Program(s)
Australian National University,International Security

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Political Science

UCEAP Course Number
107

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
POLITICS IN LATIN AMERICA

UCEAP Transcript Title
POL: LATIN AMERICA

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description
This course explores the patterns of political and economic change in modern Latin America. It begins with the rise of industrialization, state-led development (ISI) and the emergence of populism in the 1930s-40s, the wave of military coups of the 1960s-70s, the processes of democratization and neoliberalism of the 1980s-90s, and the regional turn to the Left plus the emergence of a post-reform agenda in the 2000s. Covering five countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, and Venezuela), this course investigates the causes and consequences of populism, revolution, military authoritarian and bureaucratic authoritarian rule, democratization, and neoliberalism. It also considers topics such as the 'weak democracy syndrome' plus critical issues for Latin American democracy and development such as violence and insecurity, inequality, social inclusion/exclusion, popular participation, social mobilizations, and the rise of indigenous politics. The course compares a variety of theoretical approaches (modernization, cultural, institutionalist, personal-leadership, and post-structuralist interpretations) in order to explain both change and continuity, and the differences that exist across the countries that have been chosen for in-depth analysis.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
POLS2095

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POLITICS IN LATIN AMERICA

Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus
Australian National University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Politics and International Relations

Course Last Reviewed

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