

HUMAN RIGHTS IN LATIN AMERICA

COURSE CODE	TOTAL SEMESTER		DISTRIBUTION				
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	4	64					SEMESTER IN ENGLISH
SEMESTER	AUTONOMOUS LEARNING TIME						REQUIREMENTS
	32H						ENGLISH LEVEL B2 OR HIGHER
COURSE DESCRIPTION							
<p>This course explores the complex reality that the Region has had to encounter and deal in regards to Human Rights. Latin America has been for periods of time a part of the globe where Human Rights were violated with the express purpose of exterminating an ideology or groups of peoples. This course is divided into three units. Each explores a diversity in the impact of sociopolitical activity in the Region which used violence to exert political power in order to implement an agenda that is aligned with economic and political interest of a conservative dominant class with the help of United States multinationals and Government. How that reality becomes mute in the advent of the late 20th Century and now in the 21st Century.</p>							
COMPETENCES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROFILE							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop the know-how in concepts of human rights as a central element in the construction of society of inclusion and diversity. • Know the impact of political decisions by the dominant class and its allies in the use of violence to impose its political expedient agenda. • Ideologies behind the extermination and annihilation of political opponents • Understand the concepts behind National Security Policies, Cold War, Political Intervention, Development of Rights based societies. • How human rights become front and central in the enshrinement of democratic principles of diversity in society. 							
LEARNING OUTCOMES							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehend the sociopolitical reality of the Region after the advent of enshrinement of the Human Rights Convention in 1949. • Understand the impact of the Cold War and United States intervention in conjunction with local elites to repress others who professed democratic ideals. • The world impact the September 11, 1973 Military Coup in Chile had in unveiling the global struggle for human rights. • How in the 21st Century human rights is fundamental in incorporating the other into the sociopolitical mainstream of society; this includes marginalize groups because of race, ethnicity, language, gender, sexual orientation. 							
KEY CONTENT							

First Unit discusses the introduction of Human Rights in the world as an emerging policy construct that is at the centre of the World post World War II. We examine the reality of the Region from the Cold War perspective and its impact in the Region as a whole. Look at political realities and impact of foreign intervention in Latin America.

Second Unit explores Chile, from 1973 to 2000. This unit examines Chile under the military dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet following the overthrow of Socialist President Salvador Allende. The unit concludes with the ending of the Dictatorship and its return to democratic rule and how Human Rights become front and centre in Chilean political life.

Third Unit explores the realities in the region in the 21st Century and the challenge to meet human rights obligations, expanding demands from civil society to incorporate rights which include: native, reproductive, LGBTI+, racial diversity, fourth generation human rights.

TEACHING AND EVALUATION METHODOLOGIES

Readings:

The readings for this course are designed to be manageable. This is because we will be discussing each assigned text in detail during class. I therefore expect that you carefully read all assignments for each session. Readings may evolve during the course of the semester.

Leading Discussion:

Each student will be responsible for comply with assigned readings. Your responsibility is to read the text very carefully and to understand and develop critical thinking on topics discussed. Your goal is for your classmates to understand the argumentative strategy employed in the text as well as possible, and to start debating how persuasive they find it.

Evaluation:

Test 1: 20%

Test 2: 20%

Test 3: Essay - Presentation: 30% Exam: 30%

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

All readings are complemented by diverse materials to be presented in class.

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3. US Declaration of Independence 1776:
<https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration-transcript>
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<https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/bill-of-rights-transcript>
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<https://www.elysee.fr/en/french-presidency/the-declaration-of-the-rights-of-man-and-of-the-citizen>
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<https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>

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