

## **SAMPOL220 Politisk utvikling i Latin-Amerika**

**Credits:** 15.0

### **Course offered (semester)**

Spring

### **Exam offered (semester)**

Spring

### **Language of Instruction**

English

### **Access to the Course Unit**

Open to all students at the University of Bergen.

### **Aim and Content**

Students are expected to acquire a fundamental theoretical understanding of the preconditions for and the variations in the development and configuration of the political systems of Latin America.

The course provides a theoretical introduction to the historical and structural frame conditions for the development of political regimes in Latin America compared to Europe, as well as an empirical overview of the variations in the development of Latin American political systems and structures. The course deals with the patterns and waves of the processes of political mobilization and change. A central element in the course is to describe and explain how different structures and conflicts influence political regime developments with an emphasis on the struggle for democracy. The course seeks to provide an overview of the phases in state- and nation-building and democratization with a particular emphasis on critical junctures that constitute the basis for the configuration of the most important elements of the political systems as they have developed over time. The course emphasizes variations between countries and how similarities and differences can be explained.

### **Learning Outcomes**

The student should have developed a general theoretical understanding of the basic frame conditions for the development of democracy in Latin America and should have acquired fundamental knowledge about the main variations in the process of democratization in the region as well as knowledge about the basic trends in the development of civil-military relations, presidentialism, political parties and party systems.

### **Pre-requirements**

Fulfilment of general admission requirements.

**Recommended previous knowledge**

SAMPOL110, SAMPOL115, MET102 og SPLA104

**Teaching Methods**

Form: Lectures

Hours per week: approximately 4

Number of weeks: minimum 10

**Compulsory Requirements****Assessment methods**

Six hour written exam.

**Grading Scale**

Grading A-F

**Course Unit Evaluation**

The course is evaluated regularly

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*Please note: this course is no longer offered.*