

## Tamkang University Academic Year 106, 2nd Semester Course Syllabus

Course Title	LATIN AMERICA TODAY	Instructor	FRANCISCO LUIS PEREZ
Course Class	TIDXB3A DEPARTMENT OF DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (ENGLISH-TAUGHT PROGRAM), 3A	Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Selective</li> <li>◆ One Semester</li> <li>◆ 2 Credits</li> </ul>
D e p a r t m e n t a l   A i m   o f   E d u c a t i o n			
<p>To provide students with an understanding of the major theories in diplomacy &amp; international relations and to equip students with practical skills and help them become outstanding members of the diplomatic and international relations community.</p>			
D e p a r t m e n t a l   c o r e   c o m p e t e n c e s			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Every student will process essential understanding of theories of international relations.</li> <li>B. Every student will have primary perception of current international issues.</li> <li>C. Every student will become capable of Independent thinking and information processing to further improve international relations.</li> <li>D. Every student will process essential knowledge of participation in governmental &amp; non-governmental affairs.</li> <li>E. Every student will display high-level competence in English.</li> </ul>			
Course Introduction	<p>This course is designed to introduce students some of the important topics about Latin American history, society, politics, international relations and culture. Latin America is a region with a population is both racially, politically, economically and culturally heterogeneous. We will cover topics on Geography, History, Politics, Economics and Culture. The course favors a multi-disciplinary approach, and therefore we will use a different array of materials .</p>		

**The Relevance among Teaching Objectives, Objective Levels and Departmental core competences**

I. Objective Levels (select applicable ones) :

- (i) Cognitive Domain : C1-Remembering, C2-Understanding, C3-Applying,  
C4-Analyzing, C5-Evaluating, C6-Creating
- (ii) Psychomotor Domain : P1-Imitation, P2-Mechanism, P3-Independent Operation,  
P4-Linked Operation, P5-Automation, P6-Origination
- (iii) Affective Domain : A1-Receiving, A2-Responding, A3-Valuing,  
A4-Organizing, A5-Charaterizing, A6-Implementing

II. The Relevance among Teaching Objectives, Objective Levels and Departmental core competences :

- (i) Determine the objective level(s) in any one of the three learning domains (cognitive, psychomotor, and affective) corresponding to the teaching objective. Each objective should correspond to the objective level(s) of ONLY ONE of the three domains.
- (ii) If more than one objective levels are applicable for each learning domain, select the highest one only. (For example, if the objective levels for Cognitive Domain include C3,C5,and C6, select C6 only and fill it in the boxes below. The same rule applies to Psychomotor Domain and Affective Domain.)
- (iii) Determine the Departmental core competences that correspond to each teaching objective. Each objective may correspond to one or more Departmental core competences at a time. (For example, if one objective corresponds to three Departmental core competences: A,AD, and BEF, list all of the three in the box.)

No.	Teaching Objectives	Relevance	
		Objective Levels	Departmental core competences
1	Know the situation of Latin American	C1	ABCDE

**Teaching Objectives, Teaching Methods and Assessment**

No.	Teaching Objectives	Teaching Methods	Assessment
1	Know the situation of Latin American	Lecture	Report, Participation

This course has been designed to cultivate the following essential qualities in TKU students

Essential Qualities of TKU Students	Description
◆ A global perspective	Helping students develop a broader perspective from which to understand international affairs and global development.
◆ Information literacy	Becoming adept at using information technology and learning the proper way to process information.
◇ A vision for the future	Understanding self-growth, social change, and technological development so as to gain the skills necessary to bring about one's future vision.
◇ Moral integrity	Learning how to interact with others, practicing empathy and caring for others, and constructing moral principles with which to solve ethical problems.
◇ Independent thinking	Encouraging students to keenly observe and seek out the source of their problems, and to think logically and critically.
◆ A cheerful attitude and healthy lifestyle	Raising an awareness of the fine balance between one's body and soul and the environment; helping students live a meaningful life.
◇ A spirit of teamwork and dedication	Improving one's ability to communicate and cooperate so as to integrate resources, collaborate with others, and solve problems.
◇ A sense of aesthetic appreciation	Equipping students with the ability to sense and appreciate aesthetic beauty, to express themselves clearly, and to enjoy the creative process.

#### Course Schedule

Week	Date	Subject/Topics	Note
1	107/02/26 ~ 107/03/04	Introduction	
2	107/03/05 ~ 107/03/11	Historical Context: Latin America in the 20th Century	
3	107/03/12 ~ 107/03/18	Historical Context: Latin America in the 21st Century	
4	107/03/19 ~ 107/03/25	Politics in México, Central America and the Caribbean	
5	107/03/26 ~ 107/04/01	Politics in South America	
6	107/04/02 ~ 107/04/08	The military	
7	107/04/09 ~ 107/04/15	The Economy	
8	107/04/16 ~ 107/04/22	International Relations: USA and Europe	
9	107/04/23 ~ 107/04/29	International Relations: Asia	
10	107/04/30 ~ 107/05/06	Midterm Exam Week	
11	107/05/07 ~ 107/05/13	Migration	
12	107/05/14 ~ 107/05/20	Illegal Drug Trade	

13	107/05/21 ~ 107/05/27	Race and classes	
14	107/05/28 ~ 107/06/03	Women	
15	107/06/04 ~ 107/06/10	Education	
16	107/06/11 ~ 107/06/17	Religion	
17	107/06/18 ~ 107/06/24	Literature, Cinema and other Arts	
18	107/06/25 ~ 107/07/01	Final Exam Week	
Requirement	Requirements: The basic requirement is to attend classes, participate, read the materials and pass the evaluations.		
Teaching Facility	(None)		
Textbook(s)			
Reference(s)	Richard S. Hilman, Understanding Contemporary Latin America, Lynne Rienner Publishers		
Number of Assignment(s)	(Filled in by assignment instructor only)		
Grading Policy	<p>◆ Attendance : 20.0 %   ◆ Mark of Usual :   %   ◆ Midterm Exam : 30.0 %</p> <p>◆ Final Exam :   %</p> <p>◆ Other 〈final research essay〉 : 50.0 %</p>		
Note	<p>This syllabus may be uploaded at the website of Course Syllabus Management System at <a href="http://info.ais.tku.edu.tw/csp">http://info.ais.tku.edu.tw/csp</a> or through the link of Course Syllabus Upload posted on the home page of TKU Office of Academic Affairs at <a href="http://www.acad.tku.edu.tw/CS/main.php">http://www.acad.tku.edu.tw/CS/main.php</a>.</p> <p><b>※ Unauthorized photocopying is illegal. Using original textbooks is advised. It is a crime to improperly photocopy others' publications.</b></p>		