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| Course title | <i>Latin American Political Systems</i> |
| Credits | 6 |
| University | UCM |
| Language | Spanish/English |
| Learning outcomes | <p>LO3 be able to reflect on the role of Europe in the world, not the least by being equipped to grasp the complex multi-dimensional historical and contemporary relations between Europe and other countries, societies and regions and/or continents.</p> <p>LO5 express themselves in at least one European language besides their mother tongue and English so that they can engage in European multilingual realities</p> |
| Course objectives | <p>At the end of this course students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know the main political processes that have taken place in Latin America in the last four decades. • Analyze the functioning of the main institutional elements that shape Latin American political dynamics. • Identify the main actors and political leaders in Latin America nowadays. |
| Content | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processes of political change in Latin America and political cycles. • Presidentialism in Latin America • Latin American´s political elites • Elections and electoral systems in Latin America. • Latin American political parties and systems • The quality of democracy in Latin America |
| Work format(s) | <p>Lecture</p> <p>Teaching will consist of a combination of formats i.e. : lectures, hands- on workshops, responsive teaching classes, case reports</p> <p>Students are expected to be present, demonstrate active participation during contact hours and prepare courses in case of responsive teaching sessions</p> |
| Manner of assessment | <p>Written examination, students' autonomous works and active participation.</p> <p>The written exam will count for the 35% of the final grade. The grade of the exercises (including reading reports, oral presentations, and essays) will count for 50% of the final grade. Active participation will count for 15 of the final grade.</p> |
| Literature (required/ recommended) | Handouts, reader, media links, video materials, case reports. |