

Nottingham Trent University

Module Specification

	Basic module information	
1	Module Title:	Introduction to Latin American Studies
2	Module Code:	SPAN20805
3	Credit Points:	20
4	Duration:	First Half Year
5	School:	Arts and Humanities
6	Campus:	Clifton
7	Date this version first approved to run:	September 2017

8 Pre, post and co-requisites:

These are modules that you must have studied previously in order to take this module, or modules that you must study simultaneously or in a subsequent academic session

Pre, Co, Post Module Code Module Title

9 Courses containing the module

<u>Level</u>	<u>Core/Option</u>	<u>Mode</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Course Title</u>
5	Option	SW		BA Joint Honours Modern Languages
5	Option	PT		BA Joint Honours Modern Languages
		FT	EURX001	European Exchange (First Half Year)
		FT	EURX003	European Exchange (Full Year)
		FT	INTX001	International Exchange (First Half Year)
		FT	INTX003	International Exchange (Full Year)

10 Overview and aims

Introduction to Latin American studies is an optional module for level 2 Spanish students that have successfully completed SPAN166 or equivalent. It is an interdisciplinary module that addresses background issues and themes relevant to an understanding of contemporary Latin America. Issues covered include the colonial legacy, the impact of geographic diversity on development and the economic and social transformation of Latin America during the 20th century. The module is delivered in Spanish.

The module aims to:

- Improve knowledge of the background issues, processes and themes relevant to an understanding of contemporary Latin America
- Develop understanding of the commonalities and diversity underlying processes of development in Latin America
- Identify the main paradigms that have shaped the Latin American economic, political and social contexts during the 20th century
- Stimulate greater interest in this increasingly important region

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11	Module content
	<p>The module will address central themes relevant to an understanding of contemporary Latin America, These include the impact that geographical diversity may have on the relative underdevelopment in the region, the legacies of colonial rule that continue to shape contemporary realities, issues relevant to contemporary social and ethnic structures as well as the causes and consequences of poverty and inequality and the role of women in contemporary Latin America.</p>

12	Indicative reading
	<p>Kirby, P <i>Introduction to Latin America: twenty-first century challenges</i>, London, Sage. 2003</p> <p>Munck, R. <i>Contemporary Latin America</i>, Basingstoke, Palgrave, 2012</p> <p>Acemoglu, D and Robinson, J <i>Why Nations Fail</i>, London, Profile. 2012</p> <p>Panizza, F. 2009, <i>Contemporary Latin America: Development and Democracy Beyond the Washington Consensus</i>, London, Zed Books.</p>

13	Learning outcomes
	<p>Learning outcomes describe what you should know and be able to do by the end of the module</p>
	<p>Knowledge and understanding. After studying this module you should be able to:</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate in-depth knowledge and understanding of the Spanish language • Demonstrate in depth knowledge and understanding of the factors shaping Latin American economic, political and society since the beginning of the 20th century. • Apply a developed understanding of key concepts and socio-historical patterns to the analysis of a range of Latin American economic, political, and social issues • Demonstrate critical awareness of debates in the areas of Latin American economics and politics
	<p>Skills, qualities and attributes. After studying this module you should be able to:</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deploy Spanish language skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) fluently and accurately for academic purposes • Comprehend and analyse audio-visual, written and electronic texts in Spanish • Construct and sustain logical arguments orally and in writing in Spanish • Exploit bibliographic and research skills in order to locate and analyse information on Latin America including online materials

- Demonstrate problem-solving skills and apply IT for the presentation of argument and bibliographic searches
- Undertake demanding independent and self-directed study, and demonstrate adaptability, time management skills and ability to work collaboratively

14 **Teaching and learning**

Range of modes of direct contact

This indicates the range of direct contact teaching and learning methods used on this module, e.g. lectures, seminars

Students' knowledge and understanding of contemporary Latin America will be developed in lectures and seminars.

Total contact hours: 39

Range of other learning methods

This indicates the range of other teaching and learning methods used on this module, e.g. directed reading, research

Lectures and seminars will be supported by recommended readings, which will guide students' understanding of key themes and concepts addressed in the module. Students will also be expected to engage in additional independent learning guided by the module leader.

Total non-contact hours: 161

15 **Assessment methods**

This indicates the type and weighting of assessment elements in the module

<u>Element number</u>	<u>Weighting</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
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1	100%	Portfolio	A portfolio consisting of a number of written and oral activities.
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Diagnostic/formative assessment

This indicates if there are any assessments that do not contribute directly to the final module mark

Further information on assessment

This section provides further information on the module's assessment where appropriate

Students will receive formative feedback on portfolio elements throughout the year.

Students will have the opportunity to submit formative plans for their written essay prior to final submission. Students will also submit a formative plan for their presentation and will receive feedback prior to its delivery. The scheduled dates for these activities can be found in the learning room and in the subject's Assessment and Feedback Plan.

Document management

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17	Module Code:	SPAN20805	
18	Subject (JACS) Code	R410	
19	Cost Centre	137	
20	School:	AAH	
21	Academic Team	HLG	
22	Campus	2 (Clifton)	
23	Other institutions providing teaching	<i>Please complete in box 23 a-d - if applicable</i>	
		Institution	%
23a	Other UK Higher Education or Further Education Institution- Please name Percentage not taught by NTU		
23b	Other public organisation in the UK- Percentage not taught by NTU		
23c	Other private organisation in the UK - Percentage not taught by NTU		
23d	Any other Non-UK organisation - Percentage not taught by NTU		
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