

CENTRE FOR CANADIAN US & LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES
SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY
M.PHIL COURSE

Course No.	:	AW 604
Course Title	:	Government & Politics in Latin America
Instructor	:	Prof. Abdul Nafey
Credits Allotted	:	Three
Instructional Method	:	Lectures and Seminar/ Tutorials
Evaluation Method	:	Sessional work and End-Semester Examination
Semester	:	Monsoon Semester
Course duration	:	One Semester
Contact Hours	:	3 per week

Course Objective:

The basic aspects of the governments and politics of the region will be studied -- such as political dynamics, as expressed in the political movements; the power structure and political behaviour, and current national problems. Major attention will be given to larger nations such as Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Cuba.

Course Content:

1. Introduction: Political Experience of Latin American Countries -- A Historical View.
2. Dynamics of Latin American Politics. Changing Power Structure and the Process of Decision-making. Social Changes currently generating New Forces. Twentieth Century Movement in Thought and Politics. Political Aspects of the Labour Movements. Role of Military in politics. Church and the State. Political Parties and Changing Power Structures.
3. Policy Problems and Issues. Domestic Political Problems. Party Structure and Regulation of Political Parties. The Status and Role of Legislatures. Functions of the Judiciary and the Executive.
4. International Policy Issues. Inter-American Relations in the Cold War Period. *Détente* and Its Impact on Foreign Relations. Post-Cold War Regional, Hemispheric and International Policy and Political Dynamics. The Organization of American States and the United Nations. Economic Issues. Foreign Capital and Investment. Foreign Trade.

*Reading List is updated from time to time.