

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

Course No.	:	AW 606
Course Title	:	Major Themes in Latin American history
Instructor	:	Dr. Priti Singh
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 objective is to trace the course of Latin American history in order that the student may be able to understand the present economic and political problems and issues confronting the countries of the region.

Course Content:

1. Introduction. The Indian, Iberian, and African Background. Discovery and Conquest. Spanish and Portuguese Colonial Period.
2. Independence of South America. Precursors of Revolution. Simon Bolivar and San Martin and their Campaigns. Mexico After Independence. The Era of Porfirio Diaz. Mexican Revolution, 1910-20. Post-Revolution Trends. Chile: Parliamentary Rule; Popular Unity; Recent Trends. Argentina: The Juan Manuel de Rosas Era; Peron and Peronism; Post-1950 Developments. Brazil: The Empire of Brazil during Pedro I and Pedro II; the First Republic, 1889-1930; the Getulio Vargas Era; the Second Republic; Recent Brazilian Military Rule.
3. Latin America and the United States and the Latin American Independence Movement. The Monroe Doctrine. Rise and Fall of American Imperialism 'Good Neighbour' Policy. Recent Inter-American Relations.

*Reading List is updated from time to time.