

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE (DSE-4): History of Latin America c. 1500 – 1960s**

**Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course**

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/Practice		
History of Latin America c. 1500 – 1960s	4	3	1	0	12 <sup>th</sup> Pass	NIL

**Learning Objectives**

This paper offers a historical overview of Latin America. It traces major long- term continuities and changes in Latin America's socio-economic structures, cultural life and political formations from the 16th century to the mid-twentieth century. The paper closely examines colonial trade and rule, as well as anti-colonial resistance. It offers a critical analysis of the immediate years post-independence, and situates the specific positioning of Latin America in connected histories of a globalising world.

**Learning outcomes**

On completion of this course the student shall be able to

- Critique stereotypes on Latin America and outline major shifts in Latin American history.
- Explain elements of change and continuity in Latin American polities, economy, society and cultural milieu from the 16th to 20th centuries.
- Contextualise the impact of colonialism on Latin America.
- Explain social protest and anti-colonial resistance in Latin America, as well as practices of 'transculturation'.
- Discuss the dilemmas and contradictions emerging from the post-independence economic, social, political and cultural milieu.

**SYLLABUS OF DSE-4**

**Unit I: Historiography**

**Unit II: Colonization of Central and South America by Iberian powers and Movements for In-dependence:**

1. Driving forces for conquest; Impacts of colonization – key agrarian transformation; the question of labour and slavery; transatlantic commerce

and the modern world system; institutions of state; the advent of Christianity and evangelization.

2. Movements for independence in the early 19th century

**Unit III:** Developments in the new Latin American Nations (1830s-1930s): Case studies of Mexico, Argentina, and Brazil

1. Class and state formation, industrialization, export economies, immigration
2. Popular culture

**Unit IV:** Political and socio-cultural developments, 1930s to the 1960s

1. Authoritarianism, populism, revolutions
2. Politics of literature, music and sports

### **Practical component (if any) - NIL**

#### **Essential/recommended readings**

**Unit-I:** This Unit provides an introduction into what constitutes as Latin America and the importance of the engaging with the modern history of the region. The Unit also familiarizes the students with the historiography of Latin America. **(Teaching time: 9 hours Approx.)**

- Bethell, L., ed. (1997). Cambridge History of Latin America: Colonial Latin America, Vol.
- II. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Bethell, L., ed. (2002). Cambridge History of Latin America: From Independence to c. 1870, Vol. III. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

**Unit II:** This Unit provides an overview of the colonization of Central and South America by Spain and Portugal from 1490s onwards. It will also examine the nature of important transformations ushered in by the colonial encounter, as well as the early independence struggles against the Spanish and Portuguese. **(Teaching time: 9 hours Approx.)**

- Chasteen, J. (2006). Born in Blood and Fire: A Concise History of Latin America. New York: W.W. Norton and Company.
- Frank, A.G. (1967). Capitalism and Underdevelopment in Latin America. New York: Monthly Review Press.
- Galeano, E. (2010). Century of the Wind: Memories of Fire, Volume III. New York: Nation Books
- Burns, E.B. (1992). Latin America Conflict and Creation: A Historical Reader. New York: Pearson.
- Skidmore, T. and Peter H. Smith. (2010). Modern Latin America. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Williamson, E. (2010). The Penguin History of Latin America. London: Penguin Books.

**Unit-III:** This Unit address history of class and state formation, industrialization, immigration, and popular culture from 1830s to the 1930s with specific reference to case studies of Mexico, Argentina, and Brazil. **(Teaching time: 9 hours Approx.)**

- Bothell, L., ed. (1985). Mexico Since Independence. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Galeano, E. (2010). Faces and Masks: Memories of Fire, Volume II. New York: Nation Books.
- Galeano, E. (2010). Genesis: Memories of Fire Volume I. New York: Nation Books.
- Levine, R.M., and John Crocitti, (Eds.). (2002). The Brazil Reader: History, Culture, Politics. Durham: Duke University Press.
- Nouzeilles, G., and Graciela Montaldo. (Eds.). (2002). The Argentine Reader: History, Culture, Politics. Durham: Duke University Press.

**Unit-IV:** This Unit deals with emergence of authoritarianism, reactions against it as manifested in populism and subsequent revolutions. It will also examine the politics of literature, music and sports; 1930s to the 1960s. **(Teaching time: 9 hrs Approx.)**

- Galeano, E. (1997). Open Veins of Latin America: Five Centuries of the Pillage of a Continent. New York: Monthly Review Press.
- Gott, R. (2005). Cuba A New History. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Wright, T. (2001). Latin America in the Era of the Cuban Revolution. Connecticut: Praeger

#### **Suggested Readings:**

- Bellos, A. Futebal. (2003). The Brazilian Way of Life. London: Bloomsbury.
- Chavez, L., 9ed). (2005). Capitalism, God and Good Cigar. Durham: Duke University Press.
- Craske, N. (1999). Women and Politics in Latin America. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.
- Hanke, L., and Jane M. Rausch. (Eds.). (1999). Latin American History from Independence to the Present. Princeton: Markus Wiener.
- Karush, M.B., and O. Chamosa, (Eds.). (2010). The New Cultural History of Peronism. Durham: Duke University Press.
- Levine, R.M. (1998). Father of the Poor: Vargas and His Era. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Marichal, C. etal. (2006). From Silver to Cocaine: Latin American Commodity Chains and the Building of World Economy, 1500-2000. Durham: Duke University Press.
- Marquez, G.G. (1996). Autumn of the Patriarch. London: Penguin.

**Note:** Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.