

**Government and Politics: Selected Latin American Nations I**

Latin American Studies 337

Section: D100

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Discussion Topics: This course is designed to provide a thematic overview of the major political and economic issues facing Latin American nations, namely democratization and economic development. We will use 3 case studies: Argentina, Brazil, and Chile. The goal is to develop versatile analytical tools that students could then apply to a variety of other countries and situations, and that would be helpful in future studies and in a work environment. The course is accessible to students with a basic background in political science and/or Latin American studies.

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Grading: Participation, including attendance 15%

3 short essays of 5-7 pp., 60% (20% each)

Final examination, 25%

Required Texts: Torcuato S. Di Tella, Latin American Politics: A Theoretical Approach revised ed., Austin: University of Texas Press, 2001.

Brian Loveman, Chile: The Legacy of Hispanic Capitalism, 3rd ed., NY: Oxford U. Press, 2001.

Recommended Texts: None

Materials/Supplies: None

Prerequisite/Corequisite: POL 231 or LAS 200. Students taking LAS 337 may not take POL 337 for further credit.

Notes: None

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