Department of Romance Studies and Classics



Syllabus

for course at first level

Indigenismo - The rise, fall and artistic expressions of a political 7.5 Higher Education movement Credits

Indigenismo - En politisk rörelses uppgång, fall och konstnärliga uttryck 7.5 ECTS credits

 Course code:
 LA4412

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 2021-05-20

Department Department of Romance Studies and Classics

Main field: Latin America Studies

Specialisation: G2F - First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry

requirements

Decision

This syllabus has been approved by the department board at the Department of Romance and Classical Studies.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Latin American Studies II, 30 credits, or Spanish II, 30 credits. English 6

Course structure

Examination code4412

Name
Indigenismo - the rise and fall of a political movement

7.5

Course content

The course analyses indigenismo, the Latin American movement that during the twentieth century promoted the development of indigenous peoples and undertook to be their political, literary and artistic voice. The students will get acquainted with the Liberal and Marxist streams of the movement and with their particular solutions for how to best integrate indigenous peoples into those inclusionary nation-state projects that emerged in Latin America in the wake of the Great Depression. The course compares the expressions of indigenismo in different countries and sheds light on central thoughts by political and academic spokespersons like José Vasconcelos, Moses Saénz, Luis Valcárcel, Pio Jaramillo and José Carlos Mariátegui. It also includes analyzes of indigenista novelists such as José María Arguedas, Jorge Icaza and Miguel Angel Asturias, as well as artistic works by, for example, Oswaldo Guayasamin. The course also includes a discussion on the current critique of indigenismo for never having listened to the proper voices of the indigenous peoples and for seeking a modernization in which the languages, traditions and identities of the latter were marginalized.

Learning outcomes

After completing the course the students should be able to:

- demonstrate a deepened understanding of different political orientations within indigenismo;
- reflect over, and account for, how indigenismo was inserted into those different nation-state projects that emerged after the Great Depression of the 1930s;
- -critically analyze ongoing debates about, and critique of, indigenismo; and
- reflect on how indigenismo was expressed in novels and art.

Education

Seminars and lectures.

Presence at the seminars is mandatory

If less than five student, the course may be offered as a reading course.

Teaching language: English

For more details, see the course description. The course description is accessible at the latest one month before the start of the course.

Forms of examination

a) Forms of examination - Written assignments. The principles for weighing together the separate assignments follows from the grading criteria. The examination is performed in English. For more details, see the Course Description, which is available for the students at the latest one month before the course start

b) Grades are given according to a referred seven-point scale:

A = Excellent

B= Very Good

C = Good

D = Satisfactory

E = Adequate

Fx = Insufficient

F = Fail

- c) The grading criteria are distributed at the beginning of the course and are binding.
- d) The grade of a minimum E on all seminar assignments is required in order to obtain a pass mark for the course. The letter grades, A-E, are converted to the numbers 5-1 and are added up to an average grade. The grade for the entire course is thus set by an average of the course parts. Current rounding rules are applied.

If there are special reasons, the examiner may, after consultation with the responsible teacher, grant the student exemption from the obligation to participate in certain compulsory teaching. The student can then be assigned a compensation assignment. Degree assignments that are not submitted on time are assessed with the highest grade D.

- e) For each course opportunity, at least two examination opportunities are offered. In the academic year in which a course opportunity is missing, at least one examination opportunity is offered. Students who have received the grade Fx or F on an examination twice in a row by one and the same examiner have the right to have another examiner appointed at the next examination, unless special reasons militate against it. Requests for this must be made to the department board. Students who have received the lowest grade E may not undergo a re-examination for higher grades
- f) Completion of the grade Fx can be allowed if the student is close to the limit for passing. The assignment must be submitted within one week after the need for completion has been announced by the examiner. For approved completion, the grades D-E are used

Interim

When the syllabus is revoked, the student has the right to be examined once per semester according to the present syllabus during a completion period of three semesters

Limitations

The course may not be credited in the degree at the same time as such a completed and approved course within or outside the country, the content of which fully or partially corresponds to the content of the course.

Required reading

Check the Department's website for the reading list of the course.: www.su.se/romklass. Updated reading lists are available two months before the course starts.