Department of Romance Studies and Classics



Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Gender and Post-colonialism in Latin America Genus och postkolonialism i Latinamerika 7.5 Higher Education Credits
7.5 ECTS credits

 Course code:
 LA7104

 Valid from:
 Spring 2018

 Date of approval:
 2017-09-12

Department Department of Romance Studies and Classics

Main field: Latin America Studies

Specialisation: A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's Degree in Humanities, Social Sciences or Law. English 6 or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination codeNameHigher Education Credits7104Gender and post-colonialism7.5

Course content

The course highlights the impact of post-colonial thinking on contemporary Latin America research, focusing for example on theories developed within the framework of the so-called race-class-gender matrix. The course presents and discusses issues such as Latin American theorizing on gender, a perspective aiming at grasping the complexity of women subordination in a region characterized by mutually reinforcing and historically rooted structures of inequality. The course also enters into more specific themes: violence against women, sexual and reproductive health and rights, feminist activism and victimhood, social constructions of masculinity and HBTI-perspectives.

Learning outcomes

After completing the course the students should be able to:

- understand and account for the impact of various forms of structural oppression mutually contribute to the subordination of women in Latin America
- account for the impact of contemporary postcolonial approaches on feminist research on Latin America,
- account for how gender relations and feminist activism in Latin America have evolved through time and in specific social contexts.

Education

Seminars and, where applicable, tutoring. Teaching language: English

Forms of examination

- a) Forms of examination Oral presentations Take-home exam.
- **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) Grading critera** The criteria for grading this course are to be distributed at the beginning of the course and are binding.
- **d) Final degree** The grade of a minimum E is required in order to obtain a pass mark for the course. For more detailed information see the course description which is available one month before the onset of the course.
- **e) Failure** Students, who have received a grade E or higher, may not re-take the test in order to improve their marks. For each course, two opportunities for examination will be offered. Moreover, at least one opportunity for examination will be offered such a year when the course is not given.

Students who have received a grade Fx or a grade F (twice on a given test by the same examiner) on application, can be granted a new examiner. This is provided if there are no specific reasons against it. The application should be addressed to the Board of the department. (*institutionsstyrelsen*.

f) Complementation Opportunity will be given for complementation from Fx to an approved grade. The complementary task should be handed in within a week after the examiner having announced the need for complementation. After complementation the student may receive the grades C-E. complementation

Required reading

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