

Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts (Social Science)
Faculty/Institute/College Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSO 346
Course Title Society Politics and Economics in Contemporary Latin America and the Caribbean
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (**Lecture / Lab**) (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** ICSO 241
5. **Type of Course** Social Science major elective course
6. **Trimester / Academic Year** First Trimester / Every other year
7. **Course Description**

The contemporary situation of Latin America and the Caribbean. The rise of democracy. The international drug trade and its social impact. Economic development and its consequences for society. The persistence of poverty. Popular political and religious movements. Inter - American and international relations.

8. **Course Objective (s)**
- (i) To provide students with an overview of the contemporary Latin American political, economic and cultural scene.
 - (ii) To examine trends and issues in the region.
 - (iii) To present student with an overview of recent political and economic development.
 - (iv) To familiarize students with relevant political and academic debates.

9. Course Outline

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture	Hour	
1	Introduction / demographic profile	4	Dr. D. Rorex
2	Governmental forms and political forces	4	
3	Economics - white, grey and black market activities	4	
4	Social stratification and cultural divides	4	
5	Nationalisms and regional identities	4	
6	Review and evaluation	4	
7	Issues : Mexico	4	
8	Issues : Central America	4	
9	Issues : South America	4	
10	Issues : the Caribbean	4	
11	Summary and review	4	
	Total	44	

10. Teaching Method (s)

Lectures, discussions, student term papers, student oral presentations, and independent study projects.

11. Teaching Media

Text materials, handouts, and film resources.

12. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement

Evaluation will be undertaken using test scores, presentations and participation in order to establish a standard alphabetical ranking.

13. Course evaluation

A mid - term examination will be used to assess 30% of the total grade. Class participation and oral presentations will be used to assess an additional 30% with the remaining 40% being derived from a final examination.

14. Reference (s)

Guillermo - Prieto, Alma. *Looking for History : Dispatches from Latin America*, New York, Vintage.

15. Instructor (s)

Dr. Dale Rorex

16. Course Coordinator

Dr. Dale Rorex