

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: A History of Modern Latin America  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **5121HIST** (124973)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science  
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ5  
**Credit Value:** 20  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 35  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200  
**Private Study:** 165

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	11
Online	2
Seminar	11
Workshop	11

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Portfolio	AS1	Portfolio 2000 words	40	
Essay	AS2	Essay 2500 words	60	

### Aims

*To introduce students to modern Latin American history.  
To develop students' understanding of social and political change in Latin America.  
To enable students to think comparatively in geographical and temporal terms.*

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Identify factors that have shaped social and political developments in Latin America.
- 2 Critically engage with source material on topics in modern Latin American history.
- 3 Reflect critically on the development of research, communication, and presentation skills.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Portfolio 2000 words	2	3
Essay 2500 words	2	1

## Outline Syllabus

*This course focuses on understanding changes in Latin American society and politics, with an emphasis on the twentieth century. Themes may include, but are not limited to: urban and rural protest; populism and mass politics; revolutionary change; shifts from democratic to authoritarian rule; the politics of memory; the war on drugs; US policy towards Latin America; the interaction between domestic politics and the international context (such as the Cold War).*

## Learning Activities

Lectures, Seminars, Workshops

## Notes

From the iconic image of Che Guevara to the television programme *Narcos*, Latin America has inspired and intrigued modern-day audiences. But what are the historical antecedents to this contemporary popularisation of the region? This course will provide students with an introduction to Latin American history during the nineteenth and twentieth century. Taking a comparative approach, it will focus on social and political change over time and will consider the domestic and international factors which have shaped the development of the region.

No knowledge of Spanish is required or expected of students on this module.