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Title: Latin America and the Cold War
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
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Academic Level: FHEQ7 **Credit Value:** 20 **Total Delivered Hours:** 22
Total Learning Hours: 200 **Private Study:** 178

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Workshop	22

Grading Basis: 50 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Portfolio	AS1	3 x 700 words Portfolio	50	
Essay	AS2	2400 word Research Essay	50	

Aims

To provide students with an understanding of the impact of the Cold War in Latin America.

To enable students to understand the intersection between domestic and international dynamics across different countries in Latin America.

To enable students to think beyond traditional approaches to the 'bipolar conflict' associated with the Cold War.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate a deep and systematic understanding of the domestic and international dynamics of the Cold War in Latin America.
- 2 Critically analyse source material relating to the Cold War in Latin America.
- 3 Synthesise themes, debates, and approaches in a sophisticated and coherent manner

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

3 x 700 words Portfolio	3	
2400 word Research Essay	1	2

Outline Syllabus

The Cold War in Latin America was far from being cold. This module will trace the impact of the Cold War on the region, between the 1940s and 1990s, with particular attention paid to the intersection and interaction between domestic and international dynamics. A country case study approach will highlight the complexity of Cold War tensions as well as to illustrate the scale and extent of its impact. For example, topics may include: revolutionary change and US intervention in Guatemala and Bolivia; Cuban policy in Africa; Soviet-Cuban relations; the emergence of the National Security Doctrine in Chile and Argentina; civil war in Central America. Whilst the module will examine how the bipolarity of the Cold War – between the capitalist West and communist East – played out on a Latin American stage, it will also incorporate more recent developments in the historiography. Such analysis argues, instead, for the importance of an Inter-American Cold War which looks beyond the conflict between Moscow and Washington. Weaving local, regional, and global factors in shaping the experience of Latin America during the Cold War, this module will be both multinational and international in its approach.

Learning Activities

Workshops

Notes

The Portfolio will consist of three 700 word critical summaries which synthesise the key themes, debates, and interpretations on any given week.