



Code: SPS/05

Credits: 6

Matter: History and Institutions of Americas

Main language of instruction: Italian

Other language of instruction: English

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Introduction

1. Objective of the course :

The course of History and Institutions of Americas aims to provide students with a basic understanding of the contemporary (XIX and XX century) American history (North and South America). The course will consist of lectures devoted to an examination of the indicated period's most significant aspects: political revolutions, industrial revolutions, political opinions in North and South America context (liberalism, democracy, socialism, nationalism), colonialism, World Wars, the emergence of political movements in the Twentieth century, Cold War and new challenges.

Objectives

2. Course Structure:

The course aims to give students an overview of the major events of the history of Americas in the Nineteenth and Twentieth century. The course will be built to allow students to possess the elements necessary for the study. We will focus the attention on the historical perspective and on the historiographical critic of the events.

Competencies:

- To explain the main historical dynamics related to the Nineteenth and Twentieth century history of the Americas.
- In-depth historiographical analysis.

- Providing interpretative tools of contemporary reality of Americas.
- To acquire skills for independent learning.
- To be able to create arguments which are conducive to critical and self-critical thinking.
- To be able to retrieve and manage information.

Syllabus

3. Programme of the course:

Subject 1. Contemporary North America

- 1) Introduction
- 2) From the independence of the United States of America to the Monroe Doctrine
- 3) The rise of the West
- 4) The world of slavery
- 5) The American Civil War
- 6) The United States between late Nineteenth and early Twentieth century
- 7) From Wilson to Roosevelt
- 8) The United States and the Cold War
- 9) The Sixties and the war in Vietnam
- 10) From Nixon to Carter
- 11) From the end of the Cold War to the "new world order"
- 12) The United States in the new Millennium
- 13) Notes on the contemporary history of Canada

Subject 2. Contemporary South America

- 14) Introduction
- 15) The Nineteenth century: at the origins of the history of contemporary Latin America
- 16) From the colonial age to the independence
- 17) Latin America between conservative and liberal stimulus
- 18) The construction of modern States
- 19) Between neocolonialism and modernization
- 20) The age of positivism
- 21) The Twentieth century: Latin America between new nationalisms and political instability
- 22) Military regimes and populism

- 23) Latin America in the Cold War
- 24) Revolutions and counter-revolutions
- 25) The neoliberal age
- 26) The birth of democratic regimes
- 27) The challenges of the new Millennium

Evaluation system and criteria

The assessments of course is based on the following criteria:

Students assessment (oral or written examination) will be based on the ability to articulate a coherent discourse on the historical perspectives of the events covered during the course.

The written exam will have two parts:

- 1) **Four (4) multiple choice answers.** The student should tick the right answer: **1 point** per question.
- 2) **Three (3) written questions.** That questions will correspond to a specific point headings contained in the program: **maximum 9 points** per question.

Bibliography and resources

4. Materials to consult:

Outline of U.S. history - U.S. Department of State (available on-line PDF).

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