

Course Title (English)	Latin American Cultures & Civilizations
Academic Institution	University of Belgrano (UB)
City	Buenos Aires
Country	Argentina
Course Number	PALAS 362
Sessions (Terms)	Semester
Instructional Language	English
Contact Hours	60
Credits (semester credits)	4
Credits (quarter units)	6
Prerequisites	None
Track	PALAS (Argentine & Latin American Studies in English)

Course Description	<p>Since its discovery until the present, Latin America has been imagined and conceived as the “New Continent”, a place for utopia, but also as a space of uneven modernity and extreme forms of violence. The course explores distinctive cultural aspects of Latin America by looking at the ways it has been represented in readings spanning from the diaries written by Christopher Columbus to the texts of the Cuban Revolution, the iconography of Peronismo, or the recent debates on Neoliberalism, Globalization and Populism. Drawing on essays, but also on short-stories, paintings, photographs, murals and film, the course addresses a set of questions that lie at the heart of how one thinks about Latin America. What is expected from “Latin America”? What were the different “ideas” that Latin America embodied? What are the forms of “Latin American” culture? How are the different “cultures” connected?</p>
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