

Additional Course For Latin American Studies

We are pleased to announce the addition of a new course in the fall 2011 (2121) term, **ADMPS 2089 SPECIAL TOPICS: LATIN AMERICAN SOCIAL & PUBLIC POLICY**. The course is open to all students and will be cross-listed with GSPIA. (GSPIA details will be forthcoming).

Special Topics: Latin American Social & Public Policy

ADMPS 2089, 3 credits

CRN # 25564

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

This seminar focuses on contemporary issues in social and public policy in Latin America. The course will begin with a brief conceptual introduction to public and social policy, followed by a historical, economic and political contextualization and an examination of several policy areas through comparative analysis between countries and a general study of Latin America as a region.

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the study of social and public policy in Latin America, by reviewing the dynamic historical, social, economic, political, and organizational aspects of this region with a specific focus on contemporary policy issues. The ultimate goal is to provide future leaders, public officials, and analysts the foundations to design social and public programs that meet the needs of countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

OBJECTIVES

1. This course will have the following six objectives:
2. study the purposes, basic concepts and methodological characteristics of social and public policy;
3. learn the historic, social, cultural, economic and political context of public and social policy in Latin America;
4. recognize the innumerable issues and topics of social and public policy in the region;
5. understand the global, regional, national, local and institutional tensions, actors and issues that influence policy in Latin America;
6. learn about common regional threads and specific national contexts of policy in the Latin American region; and
7. become versed in the main literature in Latin American social and public policy.