



**LUND**  
UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **SPAB14, Spanish: Latin American Narcoculture, 7.5 credits**

*Spanska: Latinamerikansk narkokultur, 7,5 högskolepoäng*

**First Cycle / Grundnivå**

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2020-03-30 to be valid from 2020-03-30, spring semester 2020.

### **General Information**

Subject: Spanish

The course is offered as a freestanding course. It can normally be included in a first or second cycle degree.

*Language of instruction:* Spanish

In some components, where the lecturer considers it to be appropriate, Swedish may also be used as a language of instruction.

*Main field of studies*

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*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- account for literary texts, non-fiction texts and films about Latin American society during the 21st century in relation to drug trafficking with a focus on Mexico and Colombia
- account for knowledge of historical and social factors that have led to drug trafficking gaining a hold and having cultural influence on daily life in Latin America, with a focus on Mexico and Colombia

### **Competence and skills**

- independently summarise and analyse issues relating to how drug trafficking characterises contemporary society and culture, primarily in Mexico and Colombia
- use a rich, varied and appropriate Spanish in speech and in writing
- apply the rules of academic writing

### **Judgement and approach**

- critically assess information from different sources

### **Course content**

The course provides advanced knowledge of contemporary Latin American society through film, fiction and non-fiction texts. The course focuses on how drug trafficking and drug cartels have characterised society and cultural life, primarily in Mexico and Colombia. During the course, films and texts from different genres will be discussed both orally and in written assignments. The students are trained in applying critical perspectives on narcoculture and in presenting them in genre-specific speech and academically stringent texts.

### **Course design**

The course includes lectures, 2-3 group exercises and independent study. Attendance at at least 80% of the lectures and all group exercises is compulsory. Students who have been unable to participate due to circumstances such as accidents, illness or similar will be offered the opportunity to compensate for or re-take compulsory components. This also applies to students who have missed classes because of activities as a student representative. In other cases, there will be no opportunity to compensate for compulsory components.

### **Assessment**

Assessment of the course is based on an oral test in which the student summarises and discusses a selection of the required reading in Spanish as well as on a written assignment of 8-10 pages in which one or more themes are developed in the form of an essay.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

*Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.*

### **Grades**

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

For the grade of Pass, students must have been awarded the grade of Pass on both the oral and written tests. For the grade of Pass with Distinction, students must also have been awarded at least the grade of Pass with Distinction on the written test.

## **Entry requirements**

To be admitted to the course, students must have successfully completed Spanish: Level 2 (SPAA22), or the equivalent.

## **Further information**

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
2. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details, see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

## Subcourses in SPAB14, Spanish: Latin American Narcoculture

Applies from V20

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