

**Information sheet for the course**  
**Political System of Latin America Countries**

<b>University:</b> <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
<b>Faculty:</b> <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
<b>Course unit code:</b> <i>PLTPV22</i>	<b>Course unit title:</b> <i>Political System of Latin America Countries</i>
<b>Type of course unit:</b> <i>compulsorily optional</i>	
<b>Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods:</b> <i>Seminar: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face</i>	
<b>Number of credits:</b> <i>3</i>	
<b>Recommended semester:</b> <i>the 6<sup>th</sup> semester in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year (full-time)</i> <i>the 6<sup>th</sup> semester in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year (part-time)</i>	
<b>Degree of study:</b> <i>I. (Bachelor's)</i>	
<b>Course prerequisites:</b> <i>none</i>	
<b>Assessment methods:</b> <i>Presentation – 30%, active participation – 20%, tests during semester – 50%. A: 100-91b, B: 90-81b, C: 80-71b, D: 70-61b, E: 60-51b.</i>	
<b>Learning outcomes of the course unit:</b> <i>By completing the course student is able to analyze the actual political processes in Latin America and to predict future options of development. Student has memorized information about historical development of Latin America, political systems of countries within the region, about political and social elites and about the political culture. He/she is able to describe the trends of further development.</i>	
<b>Course contents:</b> <i>1. Introduction to the issue. 2. Historical and political development of the region. 3. The political system of Argentina. 4. Political system in Brazil. 5. Political System of Chile. 6. Political system in Peru. 7. The political system of Venezuela. 8. Political system in Colombia. 9. The political system of Mexico. 10. Political elites of Latin American region. 12. Political culture of Latin American region. 13. Final evaluation.</i>	
<b>Recommended of required reading:</b> <i>BUCKMAN, T. R.: The World Today Series 2012. Latin America. Stryker-Post Publications, Lanham, 2012. HELLINGER, C., D.: Comparative Politics of Latin America. Democracy at Last? Routledge, New York, 2011. SKIDMORE, E., T. a kol.: Modern Latin America. Oxford University Press, New York, 2010. SMITH, P., H.: Democracy in Latin America. Political Change in Comparative Perspective. Oxford University Press, New York, 2012.</i>	
<b>Language:</b> <i>English</i>	
<b>Remarks:</b> <i>The course is provided only in the case it is chosen by at least 16 students.</i>	
<b>Evaluation history:</b>	

*It is a new subject in the study program.*

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