

Descriptif d'enseignement / *Course descriptions*

3^{ème} année internationale / International undergraduate program
Semestre 2

Titre du cours - *Course title*

Presidents and Democracy in Latin America

Langue du cours/Language of instruction : English

Enseignant(s) – *Professor(s)*

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Résumé du cours – Objectifs - *Course description – Targets*

Introduction to Latin America Contemporary Politics. Quality of Democracy. Presidentialism vs parliamentarism. Institutional role played by Presidents in Latin America. Introduction to research on the professionalization of politicians.

Evaluation - *Assessment*

One oral presentation in class with a written support (25%)

Attendance and discussion in class (25%)

An essay of around 3000 words on a topic related to the course (50%)

Plan – Séances - *Course outline*

First Session

Introduction to Latin American Politics. Historical trends, political cleavages. National differences.

Second Session

Latin American Political Institutions. Presidentialism vs parliamentarism.

Third Session

On the Presidential Functions. The Quality of Democracy in Latin America

Fourth Session

How to study presidents: Biographies and Ideologies

Fifth Session

Presidential Electoral Campaigns

Sixth Session

Professional politicians

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