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A lot of topics in a lot of countries in Latin America

Which two or three aspects of this course (its teaching and/or its content) did you find the most valuable? Why?
Seminar structure, lectures

What two or three specific suggestions do you have for improving this course in the future?
I like it as it is

What are the two or three biggest ideas that could inform your professional life that you will take away from this course?
Context matters, elites matter, the party system matters, and other actors also matter

Do you have any other comments or feedback?
I really enjoyed this course, thank you so much

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By bringing a wide array of topics of fundamental importance for Latin America's past and present.

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1. The great selection of topics of the class
2. The emphasis to remain open about differences within Latin American countries (we're not that equal after all)
3. The rich class participation

What two or three specific suggestions do you have for improving this course in the future?
Bring in more topics concerning Central America and Caribbean

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1. Parties are fundamental for the consolidation of democracy. Studying the way in which party systems can (or cannot) contribute to upholding rule of law, independence and alternation of power for me was not only interesting but also useful for future endeavors

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It is the only Latin American focused course in the whole school.

Which two or three aspects of this course (its teaching and/or its content) did you find the most valuable? Why?
- Course material is excellent
- Candelaria is always super open to help

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History matters

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This course dealt with a breadth of issues within the context of Latin America.

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I appreciated how carefully curated this syllabus was. The reading load was heavy, but it contributed to our overall understanding of the course content. Candelaria is a brilliant professor. She did an excellent job of distilling the key points in lecture and was very much available outside of class to help with assignments.

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Perhaps more detailed feedback on the three shorter writing assignments that we are asked to do throughout the course.

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Having both an historical perspective on the region, but also being able to hone in on very specific topics was massively useful.

Also, the opportunity to delve into a longer research paper on the area I'm most interested in is a great deliverable for me.

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Very broad array of topics and countries analyzed. This a major strenght of the course.

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The class gave me a different historical and analytical perspective of how to think about policymaking in Latin America.

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I loved how most people in the course came from different backgrounds and brought their own first-hand experience to the topics we were discussing. In most of my political sciences courses that have focused on Latin America in the past, the conversations have been led by Americans who have gone on 2 weeks vacations and also taught by American professors. The diversity added so much value to the course.

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More topics on Central America!

What are the two or three biggest ideas that could inform your professional life that you will take away from this course?
I’ve been trying to manage my position in my country for an education view, this course helped me understand to a fuller extent the other forces that cannot be avoided when making effective changes to a country.

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Professor Garay’s class.
I was impressed by the width and depth of Professor Garay’s expertise in policy and politics of Latin America. She was also very effective in sharing this expertise for the benefit of her students.

I think a faculty member of such a caliber as Professor Garay should have access to a more representative classroom. The classroom where the course was taught was a bit claustrophobic due to a very low ceiling.

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The content and the class discussion are phenomenal.

What two or three specific suggestions do you have for improving this course in the future?
Maybe target a bit more the readings, I know there’s a lot of material but more than 1 reading per class of 20-30 pages is not fully practical.

What are the two or three biggest ideas that could inform your professional life that you will take away from this course?
The shifts and evolution of power in Latam is really interesting.

Do you have any other comments or feedback?
No, it was a great class with a great professor. Thanks!

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International perspectives: could integrate class content a little more into global structures and power dynamics. E.g. neo-colonialism, trade flows, transnational advocacy networks

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Many great concepts and systems to make sense of policy and politics

What two or three specific suggestions do you have for improving this course in the future?
Bring in art, pictures, small group discussions, more diverse guest speakers (sectors, gender, roles)

Do you have any other comments or feedback?
Loved this class