COURSE TITLE
Latin American History

TEACHING PERIOD
1st term

SCIENTIFIC AREA
History and Institutions of Americas

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH
English
The Degree Course is entirely taught in English

COURSE SUMMARY
As the rest of the Americas, the vast social, cultural, and biological diversity that Latin America society still embodies today had its origins in its long and complex colonial history. This course is designed as an introductions to some of the main themes of colonial Latin American history. We will start our journey in Europe, Africa, and the Americas before Columbus’ arrival in the Caribbean. We will then follow both the imperial forces that shaped the colonial experience as well as the effect that individuals and groups of Europeans, Africans, and Native Americans had in the society and territory as a whole. We will end in the Age of Revolutions with the impact that the Haitian Revolution, the Independence movement in Latin America, and with an assessment of the legacies of the colonial period in the region today.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
By the end of this course students will:
1) Be able to identify several key turning points in colonial Latin American history;
2) Understand the basic organizing principles of Mesoamerican, Andean, Hispanic, and mestizo
culture, including religion and spiritual beliefs, social hierarchy, gender norms, notions of
community, language, and race and ethnicity, agroecosystem changes, representation of nature,
and biological hybridization;
3) Recognize the way power functioned in the colonial system through Iberian logic and political
organization, as well as various forms of accommodation, reform, resistance, and rebellion.
4) Appreciate Latin America's diversity and historical significance.

TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES
N/A

LAB ACTIVITIES
N/A

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE
The visiting professor will also give a seminar for Phd students

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE
Applicants should demonstrate outstanding nationally and internationally recognised scholarship in
the field of Latin American history. Preferred thematic specializations include indigenous history,
empire and colonialism, immigration/migration and diaspora, borderlands, social movements,
social and racial issues, political history.

CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT
Prof.ssa Federica Morelli
federica.morelli@unito.it