

Syllabus

Modern Latin America, 1808-Present: Revolution, Dictatorship, Democracy

Description

This class is a selective survey of Latin American history from the beginning of the twentieth century to the present. Issues studied include Latin America in the global economy, relations between Latin America and the US, dictatorships and democracies in the twentieth century, African and Indigenous cultures, feminism and gender, cultural politics, revolution in Mexico, Cuba, and Central America, and Latin American identity.

Requirements

Class attendance is mandatory. I will take attendance each week; students who miss more than one class session will fail the subject. Students must come prepared to discuss each week's assignments. Students will complete ten homework assignments, due as indicated on the syllabus. Class presentations, in groups of two and three students, will be due in class on Lecture 9. Instructions for the homework assignments and class presentations will be distributed later in the term. There will also be a map quiz and a comprehensive final exam. Assignments will be weighted as follows:

Weightage Table

ACTIVITIES	POINTS
Nine Homework Assignments	10 Points Each (90 Points Total)
Map Quiz	10 Points
Class Presentation	30 Points
Final Exam	70 Points
Total	200 Points

Statement on Cheating and Plagiarism

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