

Political and Social Change in Latin America
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Course Syllabus 2010

Course Information

Session 1: Monday 10:00-12:00

Session 2: Tuesday 10:00-12:00

Instruction in: English

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Course Description

The course studies the formation and evolution of the Argentine and Latin American societies and their political systems through a historical and comparative approach since the Crisis of Independence up to the present times. It focuses also on the gradual emergence of typically local, social and political institutions that characterize the Latin American dynamics, such as *caudillismo*. The confluence of complex ethnic and cultural components through conquest, colonization, and immigration are studied to approach and compare the different regional societies. Finally, it is sought to set a political pattern to analyze the current transition.

Course Requirements

Following the UB policy, students need a minimum of 75% of attendance to be in good standing for the final exam. Classes missed for national holidays will be recovered on Fridays. No excuse will be granted for travels not programmed by the course. The teaching process developed through theoretical and practical activities seeks to stimulate active and reflexive, individual and group participation through critical reading.

Grading Policy

Attendance and in-class participation: 20%

Presentation (report): 10 %

Written Midterm Exam: 30%

Final Exam: 40%

For a better understanding of the comparable table for grading: check the student handbook (page 9) in orientation kit packet.

Required Textbook

Course Reader

Academic Calendar

Week 1: Unit 1

Introduction: Toward New Political Relations in the Post-Independence Period,

1800-1824

Thomas Skidmore and Peter H. Smith, Modern Latin America (New York: Oxford UP, 1989) Chapters 3, 4, 5

Week 2: Unit 1

The Origins of a Latin American ideological field, 1820-1870

Bradford Burns, The Poverty of Progress (Berkeley: UC Press, 1980) Chapters 1, 2

Bradford Burns, Latin America: Conflict and Creation (Los Angeles: UC Press, 1983) Chapter 2, p. 34-41

John Charles Chasteen and Joseph S. Tulchin (eds.), Problems in Modern Latin American History: A Reader (Wilmington: Scholarly Resources, 1994) Chapter 2, p. 37-41, 48-55

Week 3: Unit 1

Politics and society in the neocolonial order, 1870-1910

Bradford Burns, The Poverty of Progress Chapters 5, 6, 7

Bradford Burns, Latin America: Conflict and Creation Chapter 4, p. 76-97

Week 4: Unit 1

The Political and Social Transformations of the New Century, 1870-1910

Leslie Bethell (ed.), Ideas and Ideologies in Twentieth Century Latin America (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1996) Chapter 2

Bradford Burns, Latin America: Conflict and Creation Chapter 5, p. 106-129

Week 5: Unit 2

Report due date

Populism, 1910-1960

Marjorie Becker, "Black and White and Color: Cardenismo and the Search for a *Campesino* Ideology," Comparative Studies in Society and History 29 (3) 1987, p. 453-65

Bradford Burns, Latin America: Conflict and Creation Chapter 7, p. 207-288

Week 6: Unit 2

Populism, 1910-1960

Daniel James, Resistance and Integration (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1988) Introduction

Ian Roxborough, "Populism and Class Conflict," E. Archetti, Sociology of Developing Societies (London: Macmillan, 1987) p. 119-123

Steve Stein, "Populism and Social Control," E. Archetti, Sociology of Developing Societies (London: Macmillan, 1987) p. 123-135

Ernesto Laclau, Politics and Ideology in Marxist Theory (London: At. Highlands, 1977) Chapter 4

Week 7: Unit 2

Populism, 1910-1960

John D. French, The Brazilian Workers' ABC (Chapel Hill: U of North Carolina P, 1992) Introduction, Conclusion

John Charles Chasteen and Joseph S. Tulchin (eds.), Problems in Modern Latin

American History: A Reader (Wilmington: Scholarly Resources, 1994)
Chapter 4, p. 97-123

Week 8

Midterm exam

Week 9: Unit 3

Bureaucratic-Authoritarian State, 1960-1990

David Collier, The New Authoritarianism in Latin America Princeton: Princeton UP, 1979) Chapters 1, 2

Week 10: Unit 3

Bureaucratic-Authoritarian State, 1960-1990

Joe Foweraker, Todd Landman, nd Neil Harvey, Governing Latin America Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9

Week 11: Unit 3

Bureaucratic-Authoritarian State, 1960-1990

Peter Calvert and Susan Calvert, "The Military and Development," Linda Alexander Rodriguez (ed.), Rank and Privilege (Wilmington: Scholarly Resources, 1994), p. 155-188

Gabriel Marcella, "The Latin American Military, Low-Intensity Conflict, and Democracy," Linda Alexander Rodriguez (ed.), Rank and Privilege (Wilmington: Scholarly Resources, 1994), p. 189-219

William Ackroyd, "Military Professionalism and Non-Intervention in Mexico," Linda Alexander Rodriguez (ed.), Rank and Privilege (Wilmington: Scholarly Resources, 1994), p. 219-234

Week 12: Unit 4

Redemocratization, 1980-

Alfred Stepan (ed.), Redemocratizing Brazil New York: Oxford UP, 1989)
Chapter 1, 9

Week 13: Unit 4

Redemocratization, 1980-

John Walton, "Debt, Protest and the State in Latin America," Monograph

Sergio Serulnikov, "When Looting Becomes a Right: Urban Poverty and Food Riots in Argentina," Monograph

Week 14: Unit 4

Redemocratization, 1980-

Philip Oxhorn, "Social Inequality, Civil Society, and the Limits of Citizenship in Latin America," Monograph

Week 15

Final exam

Bibliography

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John Ch. Chaspeen, Born in Blood and Fire (Norton: New York, 2001)
Tulio Halperín Donghi, Contemporary History of Latin America (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1987)
Demetrio Boesner, Relaciones Internacionales de A. Latina (Caracas: N. Sociedad, 1987)
Fernando Enrique Cardoso y Enzo Faletto, Dependency and Development in Latin America Berkeley: University of California Press, 1979)
Eduardo Galeano, Las venas abiertas de América Latina (Buenos Aires: Sudamericana, 1973)

National Holidays

Classes missed on March 24, August 16 and October 11 due to national holidays will be made up on Fridays.