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HIST 111D World History: Latin America (Section L18)

History is the study of change over time, understanding how and why that change occurred, and its impact on past, present and future events. The purpose of this course is to provide a better understanding of the economic, political, geographic, social and cultural forces that have shaped Latin American history. A daily discussion of current events will show how and why these factors continue to shape Latin America today.

My goal in this class is not simply to give you facts, but to have you critically assess themes to be discussed, which will include: Pre-Columbian Indian societies; Impact of Spanish and Portuguese colonization; struggles for independence; entry into a global economy; consequences of foreign intervention; the Cold War, Communism, and Castro; human rights, the debt crisis, drug war, NAFTA, WTO, Globalization. How do we know about the past? We will examine those primary sources carefully. Though there are objective facts to history, such as the arrival of Columbus in America in 1492, the consequences of his arrival may be interpreted by historians quite differently. How are primary sources used to support a point of view? To assist in this effort, I have assigned books that both give you facts and require you to analyze arguments based on those facts.

The required texts for this course are the following:

Martin, Wasserman, Latin America and its People, Second Edition
Reed, Insurgent Mexico
Maps.com, World History Atlas.
2 Blue Books (available at Beck's)

The grade for this course will be based on the following:

Class Participation:	75 points (15%)
Map Quiz I:	50 points (10%)
Map Quiz II:	50 points (10%)
Paper:	125 points (25%)
Mid-Term Exam:	125 points (25%)
*Final Exam:	75 points (15%)

500-450 points:A 449-400:B 399-350:C 349-300:D 299 or less:F

*If you do extra credit and maintain an "A" average, you do not have to take the final exam!

The Mid-Term and Final will be essay exams. The paper is to be 3-4 double-spaced, typewritten pages in length. It will be based on Insurgent Mexico. Specifics on the paper format will be given in class. Study guides will be handed out before all exams and quizzes. The final exam is not cumulative; it will cover material from where the mid-term left off.

Regular attendance is mandatory. Since I will be covering large chunks of material in my lectures, absences will result in a dramatic lack of continuity (you might also miss some good movies!). Class participation is encouraged, and will be graded. If you have any questions or problems, do not hesitate to call me or see me in my office.

Academic misconduct is any fraud or deception for the purpose of improving a grade. Cheating and plagiarism will result in an automatic "F" in the course and a referral to the Dean of Students for further disciplinary action. What is plagiarism? Plagiarism is the appropriation or imitation of the language, ideas, and thoughts of another author and representation of them as one's original work. This includes 1) paraphrasing another's ideas or conclusions without acknowledgement; 2) listing of entire sentences, paragraphs, chapters, etc., from another's work; and 3) submission as one's work, any work prepared by another person or agency.

Tentative schedule of Lectures, Readings, and Exams

January 14: Introduction; Origin of the Americans
Martin, Chapters 1.

January 21: Early Mesoamerica

Martin, Chapter 2.

JANUARY 25: LAST DAY FOR A 90% CREDIT/REDUCTION OF TUITION AND FEES FOR WITHDRAWAL

January 28: The Aztecs & The Spanish

Martin, Chapter 3.

MAP QUIZ I ON JANUARY 28!

February 4: Spain; Conquest of Mexico

Martin, Chapter 4.

MAP QUIZ II ON FEBRUARY 4!

FEBRUARY 8: LAST DAY FOR A 50% CREDIT FOR WITHDRAWAL

February 11: Peru & Pizarro

Martin, Chapter 5.

February 18: Syncretism

Martin, Chapter 6.

February 25: New World Empires

Martin Chapter 7.

MID-TERM ON FEBRUARY 25!!

March 4: Independence

Martin, Chapter 8.

MARCH 9: LAST DAY FOR A 25% CREDIT FOR WITHDRAWAL

March 11: Postcolonial Blues

Martin, Chapter 9.

March 18: Conservatives vs Liberals

Martin, Chapter 10.

SPRING BREAK MARCH 22-28!!

***** STUDY ABROAD IN GUANAJUATO MARCH 18-28*****

APRIL 2: LAST DAY TO DROP A COURSE OR COMPLETELY WITHDRAW

April 1: Order and Progress

Martin, Chapter 11.

PAPER DUE ON APRIL 8!!

April 8: Nationalism

Martin, Chapter 12.

April 15: Revolution

Martin, Chapter 13.

April 22: Reaction

Martin, Chapter 14.

EXTRA CREDIT DUE APRIL 22!!

April 29: Globalization and its Discontents.

Martin, Chapter 15.

FINAL EXAM ON THURSDAY, MAY 6 !!!