

Course: HIST-158-1 History of Latin America  
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Term: Summer Session I – 2019  
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Course-description:

This course offers a university level introduction to the History of Latin America from the moment of "encounter" (1492) to the continental processes of independence (1798-1824). Our departure point is the so-called clash of cultures; a moment when great pre-Columbian civilizations, smaller regional city-states, and expanding European empires met. The core part of the survey offers a comparative approach to the way colonial powers and native peoples shaped each other through social, political, economic, and religious interactions. We will discuss, sequentially, the formation and assembly of colonial states, the rise and fall of silver economies, the emergence of non-European Catholicism, and the internal and external crises of European colonization in the New World. We will finish the course with an overview of anti-colonial responses to declining colonial compact.

The class is a participatory survey. We will devote our time to discuss, think and write. Materials assigned do acknowledge the time limits of a summer session; no textbook will be used unless a general reference is needed. Instead, we will devote our time to an in-depth review of critical scholarship that has shaped our understanding of the region in colonial times. The key to success in this class are: engaging in lectures critically; reading all materials assigned on time for discussion; coming to discussion sessions ready to offer questions to share with the class; and finally writing critical essays that offer a creative approach to our common questions.

At the end of this course, a student will:

- Be knowledgeable about the major historical trends in the history of Colonial Latin America.
- Be further prepared to absorb and evaluate historical evidence, including current understandings of key historical questions.
- Be familiarized with the use and analysis of primary and secondary sources.
- Be able to think about current problems in the Latin America from a historical perspective.

Grading will be based on three components:

- Two five page essays: 50%
  - One final 7-8 page exam/essay: 30%
  - Participation: 20%
- Active participation means bringing thoughtful questions for group discussion. Attendance is not participation.

Strong essays demonstrate a good depth of knowledge, a critical approach to a relevant issue, and an independent understanding adequately articulated.

Although both papers are supposed to be weighted equally, I will acknowledge improvement. Final essay will test your familiarity with key concepts, and your capacity to elaborate a historical argument incorporating all the material of the course.

Late paper policy: due to the constricted timing during a summer session, late papers will be accepted only in situations of unforeseeable emergencies. Internships and job interviews do not qualify as such. The syllabus schedule will be held. Please, plan accordingly.

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review the documentation and make recommendations for appropriate accommodations. If accommodations are recommended, you will be given a letter from ARC to share with your professors. You are personally responsible for completing this process officially and in a timely manner. Neither accommodations nor exceptions to policies can be permitted to students who have not completed this process in advance.

## READINGS

RESTALL, Matthew. *Seven Myth of the Spanish Conquest*. Oxford University Press, 2004.  
ISBN-10: 0195176111

MANGAN, Jane. *Trading Roles: Gender, Ethnicity, and the Urban Economy in Colonial Potosí*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2005.  
ISBN-10: 0822334704

MUMFORD, Jeremy. *Vertical Empire: The General Resettlement of Indians in the Colonial Andes*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2012.  
ISBN-10: 0822353105

WALKER, Charles. *The Tupac Amaru Rebellion*. Belknap Press, 2014.  
ISBN-10: 0674058259

## SCHEDULE

### ***First week: Departure***

Session 1: The Americas Before Spanish Settlement: Incas, Aztecs, and Indigenous Populations  
Session 2: The Moment of Global Encounter: (Latin) America Finds Europe  
Session 3: The Early Settlements: Conflict, Collaboration, and Demographic Collapse  
Session 4: Film: *1492: Conquest of the Paradise*, by Ridley Scott (1992) + Discussion Session 1 (Paper 1 is assigned).

#### *Reading:*

RESTALL, Matthew. *Seven Myth of the Spanish Conquest*. Oxford University Press, 2004

### ***Second Week: Structure***

Session 1: The Rise of Colonial Networks: The System of *Encomiendas* and its Demise  
Session 2: Silver and Sugar Save the Day: Colonial Commodities  
Session 3: Film: *Aguirre, The Wrath of God*, by Werner Herzog (1972)  
Session 4: Historical/Anthropological Analysis of the Film + Discussion Session 2; (Paper 1 is due)

#### *Reading:*

MUMFORD, Jeremy. *Vertical Empire: The General Resettlement of Indians in the Colonial Andes*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2012.

### ***Third Week: Mindsets***

Session 1: Catholicism and Evangelization  
Session 2: Racial Hierarchies and Social Stratification: The *Castas*  
Session 3: Independent Peoples: Frontiers and Borderlands  
Session 4: Film: *The Mission*, by Roland Joffe (1986) + Discussion Session 3; (Paper 2 is assigned)

#### *Reading:*

MANGAN, Jane. *Trading Roles: Gender, Ethnicity, and the Urban Economy in Colonial Potosí*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2005.

### ***Fourth Week: Reform***

Session 1: The Emergence of Local Markets and the Fall of Global Economies: Potosí  
Session 2: The Bourbon Reforms: A Desperate Effort to Retain Control

Session 3: The Age of Revolutions Part I: The Andes and the Revenge of the Indians  
Session 4: Film: *Even The Rain*, by Icíar Bollaín (2010) + Discussion Session 4  
(Paper 2 is due)

*Readings:*

WALKER, Charles. *The Tupac Amaru Rebellion*. Belknap Press, 2014

***Fifth Week: Crisis***

Session 1: The Age of Revolutions Part II: Haiti and the Revenge of the Slaves

Session 2: 4<sup>th</sup> of July, No class, blackboard assignment

Session 3: Africa and Latin America

Session 4: Review Session (Course evaluation) + Final Exam/Paper is assigned