

COLONIAL LATIN AMERICA

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Course Objectives

This course is an introduction to the history and civilization of Latin America from Pre-Columbian times until Independence and assumes no prior knowledge of the area. We will discuss the creation of new societies by Native American, African, and European peoples and examine the political, cultural, and economic forces which have conditioned the development of institutions and ideas in Spanish and Portuguese America.

This course is designed to help you appreciate the multicultural nature of the world we live in. You will be introduced to important concepts, ideas, and events that will allow you understand the origins of the Latin Americans, our nearest neighbors and our largest minority group. In addition, you will be able to improve your geographical awareness, your understanding of historiography, and the skills of writing, analysis, and critical thinking that all of your other important endeavors will require.

Course Requirements

Students will be expected to keep up with the reading. Because of the large amount of material to be covered, class attendance is absolutely essential. Attendance will be taken. You are allowed up to five absences for all reasons (including sporting events, illness, and family issues). More than five absences will result in the loss of 5% of your final grade. More than 10 absences will result in the loss of 10% of your final grade.

I reserve the right to make changes to this syllabus. It is your responsibility to attend class so that you may be aware of any changes.

Grading

There will be two written examinations: a midterm worth 20% of the final grade, and a final worth 20%. You will have two written assignments based on the Restall and Cope books, each worth 15% of the final grade. You will write two historiographical analyses based on scholarly articles or book chapters worth 12% (the topics of which will be announced in class). Two map quizzes will count for a total of 6%. As noted above, excessive absences may result in the loss of up to 10% of your grade. Disruptive behavior may also result in points taken out of your grade.

Your exam dates are noted on this syllabus, and you will be informed of quiz dates ahead of time. Do not make travel plans that conflict with your exam dates.

Academic Honesty

You are expected to be familiar with and abide by the university's policies on academic honesty. As a West Georgia student, you have pledged not to lie, cheat, steal, or commit plagiarism. It is equally wrong to give aid as it is to receive it. When copying word for word from another source, you must use quotation marks and cite your source. When paraphrasing material or borrowing another author's ideas, you must also cite your source. Plagiarism on

the written assignments will result in an F for the course. Assignments are to be done independently. Two or more students cannot hand in variations of the same paper, even if they study together. You are not allowed to submit your own work from a previous course without the prior instructor's and my permission.

Special Accommodations

If you are on record with the university's Disability Services as having special academic or physical needs requiring accommodations, please meet with me during my regular office hours as soon as possible. We need to discuss your accommodations before they can be implemented. Also, please note that arrangements for special accommodations must be made at least one week before the exams.

If you believe you are eligible for accommodations but have not formally contacted Disability Services, please call (678) 839-6428 or drop by the Student Development Center at 272 Parker Hall.

Policy on Electronic Devices and Communication

Cell phones and pagers must be turned off prior to entering the classroom. Laptops are allowed in the classroom only for taking notes. Do not text, check messages, use the internet, or listen to music on any device during class. The use of any electronic device during a quiz or exam is strictly prohibited. Any use of such devices during a quiz or exam will be considered a breach of academic honesty.

To protect your privacy, all electronic communication with me must be conducted through your West Georgia e-mail. As all e-mail is potentially insecure, I will only discuss your grades with you in person.

Required Books:

Mark A. Burkholder and Lyman L. Johnson, *Colonial Latin America*, 7th ed. (Oxford University Press, 2009, ISBN 9780195386059).

Matthew Restall, *Seven Myths of the Spanish Conquest* (Oxford University Press, 2006, ISBN 9780195176117).

R. Douglas Cope, *The Limits of Racial Domination* (University of Wisconsin Press, 1994, ISBN 9780299140441).

Course Schedule:

DATE	TOPIC	READINGS
Jan. 9	Introduction to the course	
Jan. 11	The Native American Background	Burkholder & Johnson, 1-18
Jan. 16	NO CLASS (Martin Luther King Day)	

Jan. 18	The Native American Background	Burkholder & Johnson, 18-23
Jan. 23	The Iberian Background	Burkholder & Johnson, 23-32
Jan. 25	The Spanish Conquest: Caribbean	Burkholder & Johnson, 40-48, 78-90
Jan. 30	The Spanish Conquest: Mexico	Burkholder & Johnson, 52-60
Feb. 1	The Spanish Conquest: Peru	Burkholder & Johnson, 60-69
Feb. 6	Other Spanish Conquests Restall review due	Burkholder & Johnson, 69-76
Feb. 8	The Settlement of Brazil	Burkholder & Johnson, 76-78, 102-106
Feb. 13	Native Americans under Spanish Rule	Burkholder & Johnson, 123- 130, 134-144
Feb. 15	Colonial Administration	Burkholder & Johnson, 93-102
Feb. 20	Colonial Church First historiographical analysis due	Burkholder & Johnson, 106-119
Feb. 22	Colonial Society	Burkholder & Johnson, 132- 134, 195-223
Feb. 27	Colonial Economies	Burkholder & Johnson, 156- 173, 182-192
Feb. 29	Midterm Exam	
Mar. 2: Last day to withdraw with a grade of W		
Mar. 5	African Contributions	Burkholder & Johnson, 144-153
Mar. 7	NO CLASS	
Mar. 12	European Contributions	Burkholder & Johnson, 130-132
Mar. 14	Colonial Defense	Burkholder & Johnson, 173-182
Mar. 19-23	NO CLASS (Spring Break)	
Mar. 26	17 th -Century Problems Cope review due	
Mar. 28	Colonial Women and Family	Burkholder & Johnson, 225-247

Apr. 2	Colonial Frontiers	
Apr. 4	Colonial Art	
Apr. 9	Reform and Rebellion	Burkholder & Johnson, 298-308, 321-336
Apr. 11	18 th -Century Brazil Second historiographical analysis due	Burkholder & Johnson, 308-321
Apr. 16	The Coming of Independence	Burkholder & Johnson, 357-396
Apr. 18	The Meaning of Independence	Burkholder & Johnson, 396-406
Apr. 23	Final Exam 2:00-4:30 PM	