

HIST 2221  
Colonial Latin America  
Fall 2008

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**Scope:** HIST 2221 will provide a general survey of Latin American history from the Pre-Columbian era to the mid-1800s. Emphasis will be placed on the social and economic aspects of the colonial order.

**Readings:** There are four required books for this course: Miguel Leon-Portilla's **The Broken Spears**, which gives the Aztec account of the Spanish conquest of Mexico. David Sweet and Gary Nash's **Struggle and Survival in Colonial America**, concentrates on the history of common people. Mark A. Burkholder and Lyman L. Johnson's **Colonial Latin America** provides an excellent summary of the themes we will cover. Finally, Domingo Sarmiento's **Facundo or Life in the Argentine Republic** presents a classic portrayal of Latin American society just after independence.

**Requirements:** The class will be conducted on a lecture-discussion basis. Each week students will be asked to complete the assigned material before class. This requirement cannot be overemphasized as all lectures will be based on the assumption that this has been done. Success in the course depends on student exposure to the lectures so excessive absences will definitely have an adverse effect on your grade. All academic work must meet the standards identified in UGA's Academic Honesty Policy and students must conform to the University Honor Code. Students are responsible for informing themselves about these standards before performing any academic work. The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

Grades will be based on: (1) an in-class midterm examination, to be held on Thursday, October 9 ---35 percent; (2) a term paper of fifteen to twenty-five pages on a topic to be decided in consultation with the instructor, due in class on Thursday, November 20—30 percent; and (3) a final examination, also in-class, to be held on Tuesday, December 16, 8-11 am—35 percent. Illegible work is strongly discouraged and will be penalized. Please use pen rather than pencil during the midterm and final examinations.

<b>Week 1</b> Aug. 19	<u>The Parameters of Geography</u>
<b>Week 2</b> Aug. 26	<u>The Pre-Columbian World (A)</u> Burkholder and Johnson, 1-41
<b>Week 3</b> Sept. 2	<u>The Pre-Columbian World (B)</u>
<b>Week 4</b> Sept. 9	<u>Spain and Portugal</u>
<b>Week 5</b> Sept. 16	<u>The Age of Exploration</u> Burkholder and Johnson, 42-78
<b>Week 6</b> Sept. 23	<u>The Conquest</u> <b>Broken Spears</b> , all; <b>Struggle</b> , 128-164, 214-227
<b>Week 7</b> Sept. 30	<u>The Beginnings of European Rule</u> <b>Struggle</b> , 298-310, 331-346; Burkholder and Johnson, 79-106
<b>Week 8</b> Oct. 7	<u>The Colonial Order (A)</u> <b>Struggle</b> , 247-256, 311-330
<b>Week 9</b> Oct. 14	<u>The Colonial Order (B)</u> Midterm examination on October 11th
<b>Week 10</b> Oct. 21	<u>Society in the 1600s</u> <b>Struggle</b> , 38-48; 165-188 Burkholder and Johnson, 107-170
<b>Week 11</b> Oct. 28	<u>Administrative Reforms</u> <b>Struggle</b> , 86-101, 189-207, 257-273 Burkholder and Johnson, 171-247
<b>Week 12</b> Nov. 4	<u>Society in the 1700s</u> <b>Struggle</b> , 102-120, 274-291, 362-375 Burkholder and Johnson, 248-303
<b>Week 13</b> Nov. 11	<u>Changes in the Wind</u>
<b>Week 14</b> Nov. 18	<u>Independence</u> Burkholder and Johnson, 304-349

**Week 15**  
Nov. 25

**Thanksgiving**

**Week 16**  
Dec. 2

Civilization or Barbarism?  
Sarmiento, all

**Week 17**  
Dec. 11

The New Era

**Week 18**  
Dec. 16

Final Exam on Tuesday, December 16, 8-11 am