

HIST 3220
History of Mexico
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Scope: History 3220 is a one-semester survey of Mexican history from pre-Aztec times to the modern era. The first half of the course will be devoted to pre-Columbian Mexico, the era of Spain's colonial rule (1519-1810), the struggle for independence and the turbulent years of post-independence chaos. The second half of the quarter will cover the Juárez years (1855-1872), the long reign of Porfirio Díaz, and the epic Mexican Revolution, its effects and aftermath leading up to the present day.

Readings: The core reading for this course is Michael C. Meyer and William L. Sherman, The Course of Mexican History (Oxford, 1995). In addition, I am assigning Frances Calderón de la Barca's Life in Mexico, a sparkling account of Mexican society during the early 1800s; Mariano Azuela's The Underdogs, the classic novel of the 1910 Mexican Revolution; and Alan Riding's Distant Neighbors, a readable "portrait" of contemporary Mexico.

Requirements: The class will be conducted on a lecture basis. Each week students will be asked to complete the assigned material before class. This requirement cannot be overemphasized as all lectures will be delivered with the readings in mind. 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 Thursday, October 6th---35 percent; (2) a term paper of twenty pages on a topic to be decided in consultation with the instructor, due in class on Thursday, November 16th---30 percent, and; (3) a final examination, also in class, to be held on Thursday, December 14th, 8-11am,--35 percent.

Schedule of lectures and reading assignments:

<u>Week 1</u> Aug. 16	Early Mesoamerica
<u>Week 2</u> Aug. 21	The Aztecs Meyer and Sherman, 3-129

<u>Week 3</u> Aug. 28	The Spanish Heritage
<u>Week 4</u> Sept. 5	The Conquest
<u>Week 5</u> Sept. 11	The Colonial Order Meyer and Sherman, 130-202
<u>Week 6</u> Sept. 18	The Bourbon Reforms Meyer and Sherman, 203-84
<u>Week 7</u> Sept. 25	Independence and Anarchy Meyer and Sherman, 285-370
<u>Week 8</u> Oct. 2	Age of Santa Ana Calderón de la Barca, all
<u>Week 9</u> Oct. 9	Juárez and the New Order Meyer and Sherman, 370-480
<u>Week 10</u> Oct. 16	The Restored Republic
<u>Week 11</u> Oct. 23	The Porfiriato
<u>Week 12</u> Oct. 30	The Revolution Conceived Meyer and Sherman, 481-662
<u>Week 13</u> Nov. 6	The Revolution Realized Azuela, all
<u>Week 14</u> Nov. 13	Tlatelolco and Beyond Meyer and Sherman, 671-703
<u>Week 15</u> Nov. 20	The Revolution Questioned
<u>Week 16</u> Nov. 27	Challenges to the Old Order Riding, 134-371
<u>Week 17</u> Dec. 4	Concluding Thoughts

Final Examination, Thursday, December 14th, 8-11am