

HIST 3230
History of Brazil
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Scope: History 3230 is a one-semester survey of Brazilian history from pre-Columbian times to the present. The first half of the course will be devoted to early Indian societies in Brazil, the Discovery, the incorporation of the country into the Portuguese Empire, independence, and the era of Dom Pedro. The second half of the course will cover the abolition of slavery and the establishment of the republic in 1889, the Vargas years (1930-45), the onset of military rule after 1964, and the process of redemocratization since 1985 (including the politics of Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva).

Readings: There are six required readings for this course. João Capistrano de Abreu's Chapters of Brazil's Colonial History, is a classic work on the early days. Euclides da Cunha's Rebellion in the Backlands, often regarded as a masterpiece of literature and social anthropology, analyzes a rural insurrection in the northeast in the mid-1890s. Carolina Maria de Jesus' Child of the Dark, on the other hand, looks at the difficulties of life in a modern urban setting. The Life and Death of Carolina Maria de Jesus continues the same story into the 1960s and 70s. Thomas Skidmore's Politics of Military Rule in Brazil looks at ideology and attitudes in Brazil through the mid-1980s. Finally, Levine and Crocitti's Brazil Reader offers interesting material on a variety of topics, nicely filling out the course readings.

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. 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 those 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, Oct. 9th---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, Nov. 20th---30 percent, and; (3) a final examination, also in class, to be held on Thursday, Dec. 11th, 3:30-6:30 pm---35 percent.

Illegible work is **strongly** discouraged and will be penalized.

Schedule of lectures and reading assignments:

<u>Week 1</u> Aug. 19	Indian antecedents de Abreu, 3-13; Levine, 11-36
<u>Week 2</u> Aug. 26	European Antecedents de Abreu, 14-34
<u>Week 3</u> Sept. 2	Early Brazil (1500s) de Abreu, 35-68; Levine, 37-42
<u>Week 4</u> Sept. 9	The Colonial Order (1600s) de Abreu, 91-180; Levine, 43-44
<u>Week 5</u> Sept. 16	Tiradentes and the New Brazil (1700s) de Abreu, 91-180; Levine, 45-55
<u>Week 6</u> Sept. 23	Independence de Abreu, 181-202; Levine, 56-62
<u>Week 7</u> Sept. 30	The Early Empire (1822-1840) Levine, 63-75
<u>Week 8</u> Oct. 7	Age of Dom Pedro II (1840-1889) Levine, 76-92, 104-106
<u>Week 9</u> Oct. 14	The First Republic (1889-1930) da Cunha, all
<u>Week 10</u> Oct. 21	The Decline of the Republic Levine, 93-103, 107-47, 302-16
<u>Week 11</u> Oct. 28	The Rise of Getulio Vargas (1930-1936) Levine, 149-224
<u>Week 12</u> Nov. 4	The Estado Novo (1937-1945)
<u>Week 13</u> Nov. 11	The Second Republic (1945-1964) Levine, 231-224, 359-64; <u>Child of the Dark</u> , all; <u>Carolina Maria de Jesus</u> , all
<u>Week 14</u> Nov. 18	Military Dictatorship (1964-1985) Skidmore, 3-255; Levine, 235-273

Week 15
Nov. 25

Thanksgiving

Week 16
Dec. 2

Return of Democracy (1985-2008)
Skidmore, 256-310; Levine, 274-97, 334-49, 367-504

Week 17
Dec. 9

Review
Final Examination, Thursday, Dec 11th, 12 noon-3 pm.