History (HIST) 2216 History of Latin America (3 Units) CSU

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: Eligibility for English 1500 or 1501 strongly recommended

Hours and Unit Calculations:
48 Hours Lecture. 96 Outside-of-class Hours (144 Total Student Learning Hours) 3 Units

Catalog Description: This a general survey course of Latin America from its colonization to its independence. The course introduces the following topics: the imposition of European civilization in Latin America, the development of the different colonies, colonial institutions, European empires’ attempt to monopolize Latin American territories and the wars of independence.

Type of Class/Course: Degree Credit


Additional Required Materials: None

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course, a successful student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to interpret primary and secondary sources and to compose an argument which uses them for support.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of race, ethnicity, and minority groups through multiple analytical categories such as race, class, and gender.
3. Compare distinctive forms of political, social, and economic organization in Latin America regarding race, ethnicity, and minority groups and explain their historical significance.

Course Scope and Content:

Unit I  Pre-Columbian Societies
   A. Origins
   B. Major societies
   C. Marginal societies
Unit II The New World-Spanish
A. Encounters
B. Portuguese and Spanish Exploration
C. Conquest
D. Colonial Administrative Systems: The Catholic Church and the Encomienda

Unit III European Rivals and Colonial Systems
A. Portuguese—Brazil
B. French—Canada
C. British—Eastern America
D. Dutch—New Netherlands and Brazil

Unit IV Eighteenth Century in Latin America
A. Bourbon Reforms in Latin America
B. Colonial Culture and Enlightenment
C. Slavery
D. Early Revolts of the Masses

Unit V Portuguese Brazil
A. Foreign Challenges
B. Labor Policies
C. Churches and Indians
D. Masters and Slaves

Unit VI Independence in Latin America
A. Background and Precursors
B. Independence of Mexico
C. Brazilian Experience
D. Caribbean and South American Campaigns
E. Key Historical Figures

Learning Activities Required Outside of Class

The students in the class will spend a minimum of 6 hours per week outside of the regular class time doing the following:

1. Reading text, taking notes on text, studying text
2. Completing written work including reading responses, discussions, and/or research papers.

Methods of Instruction
1. Lectures
2. Discussion
3. Class presentations
4. Group projects

Methods of Evaluation
1. Substantial writing assignments, including:
   a. Essay exams
b. Critical Thinking papers  
c. Research paper using primary and secondary sources  
d. In-class Writing

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