

Spanish 3160: Latin American Cultures and Civilizations

Language Building 202
TR 9:30-10:50 AM
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Course Description: This course provides a brief cultural and intellectual history of Latin America and its peoples of all races, taking into account geography, economics, politics, and the arts from pre-Hispanic times to the present. At the same time, it is also designed to help students improve Spanish language proficiency expanding their vocabulary and developing their speaking, reading, and writing skills.

Required Texts:

-Bárbara Mujica. *Hispanomundo: Latinoamérica*. Harcourt College Publishing, 2001.
-Course Packet

Evaluation:

Participation and attendance	15%
Pop Quiz	10%
Homework	10%
Three Exams	50% (15% + 15% + 20%)
Cultural Project	15%

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1. Participation and Attendance (15%): Student group and individual participation are essential for class discussion and thus active daily participation is required. Attendance does not affect your grade unless you miss class. You may miss 2 classes with no penalty but each subsequent absence will result in the reduction of the **final grade** by 3%. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of class and two tardies (arriving after ten minutes from the start of class time) equal one absence. If you arrive late, **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to notify the professor at the end of the session.

2. Pop Quiz (10%): There will be several pop quizzes about basic concepts and historical and cultural events. Its format will be True/False type questions.

3. Homework (10%): The professor will randomly conduct a completion check of homework. All assigned homework should be done **before** coming to class.

4. Three Exams (50%): There will be 3 exams, two midterms and one final exam, covering information on historical events, persons, concepts, geographical terms, and literary texts, etc. based on class lectures and discussions. These exams will consist of multiple choice questions and short and/or long essay sections. The final exam will be partially comprehensive, covering the previous exams/quizzes and the topics of the presentations completed during the entire semester.

5. Cultural Project (15%): Each student will make an eight minute presentation in Spanish about a researched topic relating to Latin American culture and history, followed by a five-minute question and answer session. You can find more detailed guidelines at the end of this syllabus.

Make-up Policy:

There will be no make-up assignments/exams given at any time unless a written medical excuse or an official University activity excuse is provided. The student must be prepared to take the missed assignment **upon returning** to class. Preexisting travel plans, family and/or social engagements are not considered valid excuses. No late assignments or compositions will be accepted.

Academic Integrity Policy:

The UNT Department of Spanish adheres to the University's policy on Student Academic Integrity. For all pertinent assignments and assessments, the work must be the student's work only (unless otherwise indicated by the course instructor) and should reflect the student's level of proficiency. Students are prohibited from asking another person (i.e. a friend, tutor, or relative) to help them develop or compose a response (oral or written) in preparation for, or while completing, an assignment or assessment that will be graded and applied to the student's final grade in the course. This includes, but is not limited to, receiving outside assistance with drafting, revising, editing, or developing the content and structure of a response to an assignment or assessment question without consent from the course instructor. Also, the use of translation technology (any digital translation tool or app) is prohibited for all assignments and assessments and will be considered academic misconduct. Information "cut and pasted" or otherwise copied from other sources and used as answers in assignments and assessments will be considered plagiarism. If a student has any doubts whatsoever as to what constitutes any form of scholastic dishonesty, they should consult with the course instructor before submitting their work. Cheating, plagiarism, and other examples of academic misconduct defined by University Policy will result in a zero on the assignment or assessment in question, and may be reported to the Dean of Students.

Cell phones and laptops:

Cell phones must be turn off and kept out of sight at all times during class meetings. Any use of a cell phone or any electronic device in class will significantly lower your participation grade (First Warning- 0%/ Second Warning -20%/ Third Warning -50%). The use of laptop computers in class is not allowed unless otherwise directed by the instructor.

Student Behavior in the Classroom:

Student disruptive behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed

to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at www.unt.edu/csrr.

Students with Learning Disabilities:

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking reasonable accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with a reasonable accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request reasonable accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of reasonable accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of reasonable accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of reasonable accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at <http://www.unt.edu/oda>. You may also contact them by phone at [940.565.4323](tel:940.565.4323).

SPAN 3160**Programa del curso****Otoño de 2017**

Día	Lectura
08/29	Introducción Geografía
08/31	*Civilizaciones precolombinas Los Olmecas y los Mayas
09/05	Paquete: Popol Vuh
09/07	Los Aztecas
09/12	Los Incas
09/14	*La Conquista La Conquista de México y Perú
09/19	Paquete: Cortés Paquete: La visión de los vencidos
09/21	Guaman Poma (Paquete)
09/26	*Epoca colonial
09/28	Paquete: Guaman Poma/ códigos mexicanos/ Repaso
10/03	Presentaciones (5 estudiantes)
10/05	Examen I
10/10	*Independencia
10/12	*Los Nuevos Estados
10/17	*Los Estados Unidos
10/19	*Revolución mexicana Paquete: Juan Rulfo
10/24	*El peronismo Presentaciones (2 estudiantes)
10/26	Presentaciones (5 estudiantes)
10/31	Examen II
11/02	*La identidad/
11/07	La herencia indígena Vídeo sobre Menchú
11/09	Menchú Paquete: Menchú El argumento de David Stoll
11/14	La herencia africana Texto pp.71-75/ 82-84
11/16	*Mujeres hispanas
11/21	*Religión
11/23	Thanksgiving
11/28	*Gobierno, Política, Economía
11/30	Presentaciones (5 estudiantes)
12/05	Presentaciones (5 estudiantes)
12/07	Repaso
12/14	Examen comprensivo (8:00-10:00)

