

Spanish 3160: Latin American Cultures and Civilizations

Language Building 216
TR 11:00-12:20 PM
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Course Description: This course is designed to provide 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 their language skills in Spanish.

Required Texts:

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

Recommended Texts:

-*Pequeño Larousse Ilustrado*. Mexico: Larousse, 1994
-*The Oxford Spanish Dictionary: Spanish-English/ English-Spanish*. Oxford: Oxford UP, 1994

Evaluation:

Participation and attendance	15%
Presentation	5%
Pop Quiz/ Homework	15%
Three Exams	50% (15% + 15% + 20%)
Final Paper	15%

A 100-90 B 89-80 C 79-70 D 69-60 F 59-00

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 3 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 three 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. Otherwise, you will be marked as absent.

2. Presentation (5%): Each student will give a presentation on a prescreened topic. It must last 8 to 10 minutes. Keep in mind the following steps while preparing for the presentation:

- 1) Select a topic and date from the course syllabus and talk to the professor at least 1 week prior to the presentation.
- 2) The professor will provide detailed guidelines for your presentation.
- 3) On the day of the presentation, prepare a 1 page summary of your presentation and make a copy for each student and the professor.

*Evaluation criteria: preparation, organization, audio-visual sources, and Spanish.

*Please note that presentation is not an act of reading. You are allowed to take a look at your notes but you **should NOT read** them. If you do not follow this rule, you will lose at least a **50%** of your presentation grade.

3. Pop Quiz/ Homework (15%): There will be several pop quizzes about basic terms and concepts. Its format will be multiple choice or True/False type questions. 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 covering information on historical events, persons, concepts, geographical terms, and literary texts, etc. No-Make-ups will be given. Note the dates of exams before making travel plans.

5. Final Paper (15%): Each student will write a final paper in Spanish about a selected topic relating to Latin American culture and history. Please keep in mind the following:

- 1) You may choose any topic related to the class, but it must be approved by the professor before you start your research. Please note that the topic of your final paper should be different from that of your presentation.
- 2) The paper format:
 - Length between 850 and 1000 words: **Number of words must be printed at the end of the paper.**
 - Double space with 1 inch margin of each side of paper
 - MLA or Chicago Manual of Style: Bibliography that provides at least three sources for your research.

Make-up Policy:

There will be no make-up assignments 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:

Each student is required to adhere to the Academic Integrity Policy on all work submitted for the course. All work submitted for a grade must be your own. Violations of academic integrity include (but are not limited to) using online translation programs; obtaining help from any other individual(s) (friends, native speakers, former instructors, etc.); copying from the Internet, the readings in the textbook, or another student's assignment.

Cell phones and laptops:

Cell phones must be turned 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).

Día	Lectura	Tema/ Presentación
01/17	Introducción Geografía	
01/19	*Civilizaciones precolombinas Los Olmecas y los Mayas	Identificar a los países latinoamericanos
01/24	Paquete: Popol Vuh	
01/26	Los Aztecas	Quetzalcoatl/ Aztlan/
01/31	Los Incas	Los quipus
02/02	La Conquista de México y Perú	La Malinche
02/07	Cortés La visión de los vencidos	La Noche Triste
02/09	Guaman Poma (Paquete)	Neruda/ Pizarro-Almagro-Luque
02/14	*Epoca colonial	Encomienda/ Sor Juana
02/16	Guaman Poma/ códigos mexicanos	
02/21	Repaso / TBA	
02/23	Examen I	
02/28	*Independencia	La Ilustración/ La invasión francesa
03/02	*Los Nuevos Estados	Caudillos and dictadura
03/07	*Los Estados Unidos	El tratado de Guadalupe Hidalgo
03/09	*Revolución mexicana	Emiliano Zapata
03/14-16	Spring Break	
03/21	*El peronismo	Augusto Pinochet
03/23	Película: La Historia oficial	
03/28	Examen II	
03/30	*La identidad/	Los grupos étnicos
04/04	La herencia indígena	Los grupos indígenas latino-americanos
04/06	Menchú	La guerra civil en Guatemala
04/11	La herencia africana	Vudú/
04/13	*Mujeres hispanas	Machismo-marianismo
04/18	*Mujeres hispanas	Las mujeres famosas en el área política latinoamericana

04/20	*Religión	Inquisición/
04/25	*Religión	Teología de la liberación
04/27	*Gobierno, Política, Economía	PRI/ Tratado de Libre
05/02	*Gobierno, Política, Economía	
05/04	Repaso	
05/09	Examen comprensivo (10:30-12:30)	