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POLITICS OF LATIN AMERICA

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Books available for purchase in UC Bookstore:

1. Michael Kryzanek, *Latin America: Change and Challenge*. New York: HarperCollins College Publishers, 1995.
2. Judith Adler Hellman, *Mexican Lives*. New York: Free Press, 1994.
3. Marifeli Pérez-Stable, *The Cuban Revolution: Origins, Course, and Legacy*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 1993.
4. Cathy Lisa Schneider, *Shantytown Protest in Pinochet's Chile*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1995.

This is an introductory course to Latin American politics. No assumptions are made regarding students' familiarity with Latin America or comparative politics. It does, however, assume a willingness to work hard to understand the histories of several Latin American countries, and a host of contemporary issues. Students are expected not only to read carefully all required readings, but to also come to class prepared to discuss them.

Your grade will be based primarily on a mid-term (1/2 of total grade) and a final exam (1/2). Students are required to read all assigned readings on time, and to come to class prepared to discuss them. It is not sufficient to read the material quickly right before class. All assigned readings must be read carefully and analytically before the class listed below for discussion. You should come to class prepared to make voluntary contributions to class discussions and to answer questions directed at students by the instructor. Students will have an opportunity to either lower or improve their grade through class attendance and participation. Exams will refer to both the readings and class discussions.

It may well be necessary, from time to time, to rearrange assignments or alter the schedule. Any changes in scheduling will be announced in class. If you miss class, you are responsible for checking with another student for lecture notes and any announcements that may have been made regarding scheduling or assignments.

READING ASSIGNMENTS

September 8, Kryzanek chapter 1
 September 11, Kryzanek chapter 2
 September 13, Kryzanek chapter 3
 September 15, Kryzanek chapter 4
 September 18, Kryzanek chapter 5
 September 20, Kryzanek chapter 6
 September 22, Kryzanek chapter 7
 September 25, Kryzanek chapter 8
 September 27, Kryzanek chapter 9 (film on U.S.-Latin American Relations)
 September 29, Kryzanek chapter 10 (film on Revolutions)
 October 2, Kryzanek chapter 11
 October 4, Kryzanek chapter 12
 October 6, Kryzanek chapter 13
 October 9, Kryzanek chapter 14 and 15
 October 11, MID-TERM
 October 13, Hellman introduction and chapter 1
 October 16, Hellman chapter 2
 October 18, Hellman chapter 3
 October 20, Hellman chapter 4
 October 23, Hellman chapter 5
 October 25, Hellman chapter 6
 October 27, Hellman chapter 7
 October 30, Hellman chapter 8
 November 1, Hellman chapter 9
 November 3, Pérez-Stable introduction
 November 6, Pérez-Stable chapter 1
 November 8, Pérez-Stable chapter 2
 November 10, Holiday
 November 13, Pérez-Stable chapter 3
 November 15, Pérez-Stable chapter 4
 November 17, Pérez-Stable chapter 5
 November 20, Pérez-Stable chapter 6
 November 22, Holiday
 November 24, Holiday
 November 27, Pérez-Stable chapter 7
 November 29, Pérez-Stable chapter 8
 December 1, Schneider preface and chapter 1
 December 4, Schneider chapter 2 (pp. 17-37)
 December 6, Schneider chapter 2 (pp. 37-71)
 December 8, Schneider chapter 3
 December 11, Schneider chapter 4
 December 13, Schneider chapter 5
 December 15, Schneider chapter 6

FINAL EXAM Tuesday December 19, 1:10-3:10