

HIST 2221
Colonial Latin America
Fall 2007

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Scope: HIST 2221 will provide a general survey of Latin American history from the Pre-Columbian era to the mid-1800s. Emphasis will be placed on the social and economic aspects of the colonial order.

Readings: There are four required books for this course: Miguel Leon-Portilla's **The Broken Spears**, which gives the Aztec account of the Spanish conquest of Mexico. David Sweet and Gary Nash's **Struggle and Survival in Colonial America**, concentrates on the history of common people. Mark A. Burkholder and Lyman L. Johnson's **Colonial Latin America** provides an excellent summary of the themes we will cover. Finally, Domingo Sarmiento's **Life in the Argentine Republic** presents a classic portrayal of Latin American society just after independence.

Requirements: The class will be conducted on a lecture-discussion basis. Each week students will be asked to complete the assigned material before class. This requirement cannot be overemphasized as all lectures will be based on the assumption that this has been done. Success in the course depends on student exposure to the lectures so 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 these 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 on Thursday, October 11---35 percent; (2) a term paper of fifteen to twenty-five pages on a topic to be decided in consultation with the instructor, due in class on Thursday, November 15—30 percent; and (3) a final examination, also in-class, to be held on Tuesday, December 11, 3:30-6:30—35 percent. Illegible work is strongly discouraged and will be penalized. Please use pen rather than pencil during the midterm and final examinations.

Week 1 Aug. 16	<u>The Parameters of Geography</u>
Week 2 Aug. 20	<u>The Pre-Columbian World (A)</u> Burkholder and Johnson, 1-41
Week 3 Aug. 27	<u>The Pre-Columbian World (B)</u>
Week 4 Sept. 3	<u>Spain and Portugal</u>
Week 5 Sept. 10	<u>The Age of Exploration</u> Burkholder and Johnson, 42-78
Week 6 Sept. 17	<u>The Conquest</u> Broken Spears , all; Struggle , 128-164, 214-227
Week 7 Sept. 24	<u>The Beginnings of European Rule</u> Struggle , 298-310, 331-346; Burkholder and Johnson, 79-106
Week 8 Oct. 1	<u>The Colonial Order (A)</u> Struggle , 247-256, 311-330
Week 9 Oct. 8	<u>The Colonial Order (B)</u> Midterm examination on October 11th
Week 10 Oct. 15	<u>Society in the 1600s</u> Struggle , 38-48; 165-188 Burkholder and Johnson, 107-170
Week 11 Oct. 22	<u>Administrative Reforms</u> Struggle , 86-101, 189-207, 257-273 Burkholder and Johnson, 171-247
Week 12 Oct. 29	<u>Society in the 1700s</u> Struggle , 102-120, 274-291, 362-375 Burkholder and Johnson, 248-303
Week 13 Nov. 5	<u>Changes in the Wind</u>
Week 14 Nov. 12	<u>Independence</u> Burkholder and Johnson, 304-349

Week 15
Nov. 19

Civilization?
Sarmiento, all

Week 16
Nov. 26

Or Barbarism?

Week 17
Dec. 3

The New Era

Week 18
Dec. 10

Final Exam on Tuesday, December 11, 3:30-6:30 pm