Course description: In this course we will study the ideas of some important Latin American thinkers whose work has helped to shape Latin American history and society from Independence in the early 19th Century to the present. Even though special attention will be paid to some writers, works by a larger number of intellectuals will be analyzed as a way of understanding some of the central ideas in Latin American culture: “mestizaje,” nationalism and popular culture, among others. Essays – in a very broad sense of the term –historical documents, and even a poem will be the medium used to explore these pivotal concepts.

Texts: All the readings assigned for this class are available in E-Learning.

Schedule and Assignments:

August
T-20: Introduction and general organization
T-27: Political Independence
   Readings:
   - Simón Bolívar, “The Jamaica letter” and “Letter to General Lafayette,”

September
T-3: The invention of Latin America
   Readings:
Andrés Bello, “El Repertorium Americano: Prospectus,” “Address delivered at the inauguration of the University of Chile,” “The craft of history,” and “Letter to Servando Teresa de Mier”

T-10: The construction of the new nations
Readings:
Domingo F. Sarmiento, Life in the Argentine Republic in the Days of the Tyrants… (Chapter 1 and 2)
Students who are able to read Spanish should read Sarmiento, “Sobre el sistema colonial de los españoles.”

T-17: Positivism.
Readings:
- Euclides da Cuhna “The Complexity of Brazil’s Ethnological Problem”
- Juan Montalvo, “Discourse Pronounced upon the Installation of the Republica Society”
- Eugenio María de Hostos, “The Scientific Education of Women”
- José Ingenieros, “Bougeois Snakes”
- Manuel González Prada, “Speech at the Politeama Theater,” and “Peru and Chile”

T-24: The New Paradigm
Readings:
- José Martí, “Emerson,” “Tribute to Karl Marx,” “The poet Walt Whitman,” “Our America,” “Simón Bolívar,” and “Democratic Catechism of Eugenio María de Hostos”

Undergraduate students will receive the questions for the first exam

October
T-1: Arielism
Readings:
- José Enrique Rodó, Ariel (excerpts)
- Rubén Darío, “The Triumph of Caliban”

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T-8: The Mexican Revolution
Readings:
- Emiliano Zapata and others, “Plan de Ayala”
- Ricardo Flores Magón, “To Arms! To Arms for Land and Liberty,” “Who Are the Bandits,” “We Are Moving from Illusion Towards Life”
- Plutarco Elías Calles, “Mexico Must Become a Nation of Institutions and Law”
- Manuel Gamio, “The Indian Basis of Mexican Civilization”
- Diego Rivera, “Art and Panamericanism”
- Carlos Pellicer, “Ode to Cuauhtémoc”

T-15: Foundation of Latin American Marxism
Readings
- José Carlos Mariátegui, “Reflections,” and “The Indian Problem”

T-22: Historicism and Baroque aesthetics
Readings:
- Alfonso Reyes, “Thoughts on the American Mind,” “The Christening of America,” and “The Destiny of America”
- Mariano Picón Salas, “The Baroque in the Indies”
- Jean Casimir, “Latin American Unity”
- José Lezama Lima, “Baroque Curiosity”
- Alejo Carpentier, “Prologue”, The Kingdom of this World
- Édouard Glissant, “Concerning a Baroque Abroad in the World”
- Gabriel García Márquez, “The solitude of Latin America” and “A toast to poetry”

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T-29: Theories of Mestizaje

**Readings:**
- José Vasconcelos, The Cosmic Race (excerpts) and Indiology (excerpts)
- Fernando Ortiz, “On Cuban Counterpoint” (excerpts)
- Oswald de Andrade, “Anthropophagite Manifesto”
- Jean Price-Mars, So spoke the Uncle (excerpts)
- Gilberto Freyre, Preface to The masters and the slaves and “Americanism and Hispanism”

**Undergraduate students will hand in the answers to the second exam**

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**November**

T-5: The Invention of a Latin American Feminism

**Readings:**
- Flora Tristán, “Women of Lima” and “Why I Mention Women”
- Víctoría Ocampo, “Women in the Academy,” “Women, Her Rights, and Her Responsibilities,” “Virginia Woolf in My Memory,” “Gabriela Mistral and the Nobel Prize,” and “The Man With the Whip”
- Gabriela Mistral, “Song to Saint Francis,” “Profile of the Mexican Indian Woman,” and “A Man of Mexico: Alfonso Reyes”
- Alfonsina Storni, “The Modern Woman”

**Graduate students will hand in a proposal for their final paper**

T-12: Towards a New Left

**Readings**
- Ernesto Guevara, “Socialism and Man in Cuba”
- Domitila Barrios de Chugara, Let Me Speak! (excerpts)
- Paulo Freire, Pedagogy of the Oppressed (excerpts)
- Chico Mendes, “Learning to fight”
- Rafael Correa, Interview (https://charlierose.com/videos/17167)
- Subcomandante Marcos, “Durito: Neoliberalism the chaotic theory of economic chaos”
- Salvador Allende, “My views of Marxism”
- Pedro Lemebel, “Manifiesto (I Speak for my Difference)”
T-19: Theology of Liberation
Readings:
- Gustavo Gutiérrez, “Upstream to the source”
- Leonardo Boff, “The Originality of the Theology of Liberation”
- Virgil Elizondo, “Mestizo Christianity”
- María Pilar Aquino, “Women in the Church of the poor”.

Undergraduate students get the third exam.

T-26: Class will not meet. Undergraduate students should work on the third exam and graduate students on their final paper.

December
T-3: Cosmopolitanism versus Popular Culture
Readings:
- Carlos Monsiváis, “Bolero: A history” and “The Metro”
- Néstor García Canclini, “Entrance” (Hybrid Cultures)
- Edwidge Danticat, “We are ugly, but we are here”
- Luis Rafael Sánchez, “The air bus”

Undergraduate students will hand in the answers to the third exam.

STANDARDS FOR EVALUATION AND GRADES.

All students, graduate and undergraduate, can present their written work for this class either in English or Spanish.

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Evaluation for undergraduate students.
1. There will be three take-home exams during the semester. (See course schedule for dates.) Students will submit the exams using the E-Learning page for our course (Assignements) and also a hard copy that should be handed in in class the assigned day. Lateness will affect the grade for the exam. Each exam will count as 25% of the final grade.

2. All undergraduate students will do a brief oral presentation (10 minutes) on one of the assigned texts. By the second day of classes the students will select the text that he/she will introduce. Once the text is assigned there cannot be changes on the date of the presentation. This presentation will count as 10% of the final grade.

3. Students are expected to complete all assigned readings for the day they are assigned. Attendance and class participation will constitute 15% of the final grade. Students can be absent once during the semester. 5% of the attendance and participation component will be deducted for any further absence.

**Evaluation for graduate students.**

1. Students are expected to complete all assigned readings for the day they are assigned. Attendance and class participation will constitute 10% of the final grade. Students can be absent once during the semester. 5% of the attendance and participation component will be deducted for any further absence.

2. All graduate students will give an oral presentation (30 minutes long) in class. This will constitute 30% of the final grade. The topics and dates for the presentations appear in the course program, at the end of each date. Students should notify the professor by the end of the first meeting of their choices since these will be honored if the circumstances permit so. Topics will be assigned then for those graduate students attending the first meeting. Time limits will be strictly observed. Students may use any audio-visual aids in their presentation. They are strongly urged to distribute a handout with a bibliography if they are not using Power Point. Students must provide the professor when they do their oral presentation with the bibliography (annotated) which was used for it.

3. A 12 to 15-page research paper on a specific theme related to the class topic is the last requirement for the course. This will count as 60% of the final grade. By October 26th students must submit the topic of the final paper and a preliminary bibliography for approval. The final paper is due (in my mailbox in the Center for Latin American Studies) by 1 PM on December 10, before 1 pm.
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**Plagiarism.** The attempt to represent the work of another as the product of one's own thought, whether the other's work is oral or written (including electronic), published or unpublished. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, quoting oral or written materials without citation on written materials or in oral presentations; submitting work produced by an on-line translation service or the translation feature of an on-line dictionary as your own.

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**On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.**

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