

HIS/POL 214
Modern Latin America

Satisfies: GLO

Thematic Categories: "Arts, Ideas & Culture,"
"Empires, Violence & Global Connections," "Law, Politics & Social Justice"

MW 11:00 AM - 11:53 AM
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This course introduces students to the history of modern Latin America, from the early nineteenth century to the present. Our goal is to gain an understanding of some of the central historical themes that have shaped Latin American society and politics since achieving independence, thus leading students to acquire a basis for making sound observations and judgments about the political, economic, social, and cultural realities affecting Latin America today. The class will move chronologically as well as thematically, covering topics such as nationalism, political economy, U.S.-Latin American relations, revolutionary & counterrevolutionary struggle, and cultural practices. To do so we will approach the hemisphere comparatively, drawing similarities and differences between different nation-states and regions. Particular attention will be given to Argentina, Mexico, Cuba, and Guatemala, though other countries will also enter into our discussions. Course requirements include quizzes, midterm and an independent essay on any contemporary aspect of Latin America.