

HIS 295-01: The History of U.S.-Latin American Relations (2017)

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Class Meetings: MWF at 3

Course Objectives

Learning Related to the History of U.S.-Latin American Relations

By the end of the semester, you should be able to:

- Explain the basic periodization of U.S.-Latin American Relations
- Explain some of the ways U.S. government policies shaped Latin America
- Explain some of the non-governmental influences in U.S. Latin American relations

Skills Related to Historical Analysis

By the end of the semester, you should have refined your ability to:

- Examine primary sources critically and in context in order to use them to provide evidence for arguments
- Identify how historical arguments are framed within an existing historiography
- Analyze and comment on how historical arguments make use of evidence and make their case

Writing Skills

By the end of the semester, you should be able to:

- Create an argument in response to an historical debate
- Structure an introduction for a longer paper
- Assemble a longer paper out of shorter segments

Assessment

Attendance and Participation

1 Research Paper Completed in Stages (For the schedule, see:

<http://web.grinnell.edu/courses/his/f17/HIS-202-01/ResPpr2017.html>

Midterm

Final

In Class Quizzes

Expect grading to break down approximately as follows: paper (25%), the midterm (12%), the final (25%), class participation (30%), and in-class quizzes (8%). **Note that class participation is the biggest component, so take it seriously.**

Extension Policy:

Coming Soon

Week 9 and Week 10: Dollar Diplomacy and the High Tide of Intervention

27 October: Weeks, *U.S. and Latin American Relations*, 69-89.

Holden and Zolov, *The High Tide of US Intervention*, Documents 37-50.

http://web.grinnell.edu/courses/his/f17/HIS-202-01/Research_Paper/SourcAsgn.html

30 October: McPherson, *The Invaded*, 1-72.

1 November: McPherson, *The Invaded*, 91-156.

3 November: McPherson, *The Invaded*, 194-237, 262-269.

6 November: Palmer, "Central American Encounters," on e-reserve.

Rosenberg and Rosenberg, "The Public-Private Dynamic in United States Financial Advising," <http://www.jstor.org/stable/1908505>.

8 November: Hess, "Carlos Chávez and Ur-Classicism," on e-reserve.

Week 11 and Week 12: Helping the Good Neighbor and Fighting the Cold War

10 November: Delpar, "The Mexican Vogue at Its Peak," <https://muse.jhu.edu/chapter/1484530>.

http://web.grinnell.edu/courses/his/f17/HIS-202-01/Research_Paper/ArguAsgn.html

13 November: Weeks, *U.S. and Latin American Relations*, 89-94.

Holden and Zolov, *The Good Neighbor Years*, Documents 50-63.

15 November: Karush, "Competing in the Transnational Marketplace," on e-reserve.

17 November: Bethell and Roxborough, "Latin America between the Second World War and the Cold War."

20 November: Weeks, *U.S. and Latin American Relations*, 97-121.

Holden and Zolov, *From the World War to the Cold War*, Documents 64-75.

Cullather, *The CIA's Classified Account of Its Operations in Guatemala*, 7-37.

22 November: Cullather, *The CIA's Classified Account of Its Operations in Guatemala*, rest.

http://web.grinnell.edu/courses/his/f17/HIS-202-01/Research_Paper/IntrAsgn.html

Week 13 and Week 14: Revolutionaries, Helpful Dictators, and Neoliberalism

27 November: Weeks, *U.S. and Latin American Relations*, 124-145.

Holden and Zolov, *Fighting Revolution*, Documents 76-97.

29 November: Weeks, *U.S. and Latin American Relations*, 148-162.

Holden and Zolov, *Fractures in the Cold War Consensus*, Documents 98-108.

1 December: Harmer, "Chile, the United States, and the Cold War, 1973-76."

Walker, "The Letelier Assassination, Human Rights, and Rethinking Intervention."

4 December: Weeks, *U.S. and Latin American Relations*, 162-174.

Holden and Zolov, *Reagan's Cold War*, Documents 109-120.

Armony, "Transnationalizing the Dirty War," on e-reserve.

6 December: Weeks, *U.S. and Latin American Relations*, 177-203.

Williamson, "A Short History of the Washington Consensus."

8 December: Holden and Zolov, "After the Cold War," Documents 121-138.

15 December: Final Draft of Paper Due: [http://web.grinnell.edu/courses/his/f17/HIS-202-](http://web.grinnell.edu/courses/his/f17/HIS-202-01/Research_Paper/FinalAsn.html)

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15 December: Final Exam from 2 to 5 p.m.