

Latin American History (Social Studies)

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Grades 9 -12

Course divided into two parts: Latin American History I and II

Course Requirements

After successfully completing this course, the student will:

1. Understand how contemporary Latin American cultures are shaped by experiences of the past;
2. Understand the significance of physical and cultural geography on the development of American civilization and nation-states;
3. Compare major individuals, events, and characteristics of historical periods in Latin American history;
4. Understand current and historic events in Latin America from the perspectives of cultural and national groups;
5. Compare the major Latin American cultures, past and present, based on their economic systems, religious and moral beliefs, and socialization processes;
6. Explain how major belief systems (political, economic, and social) changed or altered historical patterns of development in the Latin American region;
7. Identify the causes and effects of various changes in the historical development of America;
8. Understand the interaction of science, society, and technology within Latin American contexts;
9. Explain the uniqueness of the people of Latin America as a synthesis of geographic, political, and economic factors;
10. Apply research, study, critical thinking, and decision making skills and demonstrate new and emerging technology in problem solving.

Course Schedule Latin American History I

WEEK	ASSIGNMENT
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skidmore and Smith, Prologue: Why Latin America?• Skidmore and Smith, Chapter One: The Colonial Foundations, 1492 – 1880s• Skidmore and Smith, Chapter Two: The Transformation of Modern Latin America, 1880s-1990s• Country Report # 1

Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skidmore and Smith, Chapter Three: Argentina, from Prosperity to Deadlock • Skidmore and Smith, Chapter Four: Chile, Socialism, Repression, and Democracy • Country Report #2
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skidmore and Smith, Chapter Five: Brazil, Development for Whom? • Skidmore and Smith, Chapter Six: Peru, Soldiers, Oligarchs, and Indians • Country Report #3
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skidmore and Smith, Chapter Eight: Cuba, Late Colony, First Socialist State • Skidmore and Smith, Chapter Nine: The Caribbean, Colonies and Mini States • Country Report #4
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skidmore and Smith, Chapter Ten: Central America, Colonialism, Dictatorship, and Revolution • Langley, Introduction • Langley, Prelude: The Western Design • Country Report #5
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Langley Chapter I, Transatlantic Empires • Langley Chapter 2, America and the Revolutions of the Americas, 1800-1830 • Country Report #6
Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Langley Chapter 3, The Model Republic and its Image • Langley Chapter 4, The Destiny of the Americas • Country Report #7
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Langley Chapter 5, New World Policeman • Lanley Chapter 6, Good Neighbors
Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Langley Chapter 7, The Cold War in the Americas

Course Schedule Latin American History II

WEEK	ASSIGNMENT
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miller Chapter 1, Early Indian Cultures • Miller Chapter 2, The Aztec Civilization • Topical Current Events # 1
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miller Chapter 3, The Spanish Conquest • Miller Chapter 4, New Spain Established • Topical Current Events #2
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miller Chapter 5, Colonial Institutions and Life • Miller Chapter 6, Enlightenment and Independence • Topical Current Events #3
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miller Chapter 7, First Empire and Early Republic • Miller Chapter 8, Juarez and Maximilian • Topical Current Events #4
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miller Chapter 9, The Age of Porfirio Diaz • Miller Chapter 10, The Great Revolution • Topical Current Events #5
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miller Chapter 11, The Modern Era • Topical Current Events #6
Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skidmore and Smith, Chapter Eleven: Latin America, The United States, and the World • Skidmore and Smith, Chapter Twelve: Epilogue, What Future for Latin America?
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student presentations
Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student presentations • Exam Review • Exam

Reading List

Core Texts:

Langley, Lester D. 1989. *America and the Americas*. University of Georgia Press, Athens.

Miller, Robert R. 1985. *Mexico: A History*. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman.

Skidmore, Thomas E. and Peter H. Smith 1992 *Modern Latin America* 3rd edition, Oxford University Press, Oxford.

Additional Texts:

Bethell, Leslie. 1985. "The Independence of Brazil," *The Cambridge History of Latin America 1870-1930. Volume V*. Leslie Bethell, ed., pp 157-196. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Bonilla, Heraclio. 1985. "Peru and Bolivia from Independence to the War of the Pacific," *The Cambridge History of Latin America from Independence to 1870. Volume 3*. Leslie Bethell, ed., pp 550-555. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Borzutsky, Sylvia. 1998. "Chilean democracy before and after Pinochet," in *Deepening Democracy in Latin America*. Kurt von Mettenheim and James Malloy, ed., pp 89-107. Pittsburgh University Press, Pittsburgh.

FOCAL. 1999. "Argentina after the Menem Decade." Policy Paper, The Canadian Foundation for the Americas (FOCAL). (available for download).

Leon-Portilla, Miguel. 1984. "Mesoamerica before 1519", *The Cambridge History of Latin America 1870-1930. Volume V*. Leslie Bethell, ed., pp 28-36. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Lomabardi, Cathryn L. and John V. Lombardi. 1983. *Latin American History: A Teaching Atlas*. University of Wisconsin Press, Madison.

Mansuy-Dinz Silva, Andree. 1984. "Portugal and Brazil: Imperial Reorganization, 1750-1808," *The Cambridge History of Latin America 1870-1930. Volume V*. Leslie Bethell, ed., pp 472-479. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Mettenhiem, Kurt Von. 1998. "Direct appeals, Political Machines, and Reform: in Brazil, 1985-1995," in *Deepening Democracy in Latin America*, Kurt von Mettenheim and James Mallory, eds., pp 123-136. University of Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh.

General Journals

Latin American Research Review

Journal of Latin American Geography

Current History