COURSE SYLLABUS
SPAN 3316-Culture & Civilization of Spanish America
Fall 2015

LOCATION: Web course found at http://sulross.blackboard.com/

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and by appointment

PURPOSE: This course explores the development of modern Spanish America from its precolombian beginnings to the present. The historical, cultural, political, and societal characteristics of the Spanish American people will be discussed in detail.

TEXT: Fox, Arturo A. *Latinoamérica:Presente y pasado, 4ª ed.* Upper Saddle River, New Jersey:Pearson Education. ISBN 9780205794263

OBJECTIVES: **The student will:**

- Show understanding of major historical and contemporary developments in Spanish America, including the individuals, groups, and events that shaped the development of the various nations of this region.

- Show understanding of the geographical features of Spanish America, and how regional geography influenced historical developments.

- Identify the major social, economic, and cultural features of Spanish America, as well as the significant features of daily life in the various countries of this region.

- Apply knowledge of Spanish American art, literature, and music, including the major artists, writers, and musicians and the characteristics of their works as well as the major movements and periods in art, literature and music.

PROGRAM LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

The following program learning objectives will be assessed in this class:

- PLO 1 - The student will demonstrate advanced level proficiency in reading Spanish.
- PLO 4 - The student will demonstrate awareness and understanding of the cultural characteristics of the Spanish speaking world.

EVALUATION: The following forms of evaluation will be used to determine the level of success of the student in mastering the course objectives:

Exams (3)	50%
Written homework………………	20%
Discussion Board………………	30%
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TOTAL:	100%

POLICIES: Since this course will be delivered over the Internet, there is no class meeting time as such. All assignments and discussions will take place via the following Blackboard course website: http://sulross.blackboard.com/ Further instructions can be found on this page once you have logged in.

Other essential information on course procedures can be found under the "Course Information" tab on the Blackboard course site. The student is responsible for all information contained in this syllabus, and that which is available on the course web site.

All written work, including homework assignments and exams, is to be done individually without assistance from or collaboration with others. The University's policy on Academic Honesty, as published in the Student Handbook, will be strictly adhered to in this course.

Online Course Non-Participation Policy:

Policies in effect for on-campus, traditional classroom instruction courses also apply to students enrolled in distance education courses, including Web-based and ITV courses. The University allows a maximum of 20% absences in a course before an instructor may drop a student for excessive absences. In Web courses, this policy is interpreted as not participating for more than 3 weeks in a long semester or 1 week in a summer session. Any student dropped for non-participation will receive an F in the course dropped. Inactivity may include the following:

- not logging on to the course
- not submitting assignments
- not participating in scheduled activities
- not communicating with the instructor by phone or email
- not following the instructor's participation guidelines stated in the syllabus

***Distance Education Statement*:**

Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, library resources, and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website. Students should submit online assignments through Blackboard or SRSU email, which require secure login information to verify students' identities and to protect students' information. The procedures for filing a student complaint are included in the student handbook. Students enrolled in distance education courses at Sul Ross are expected to adhere to all policies pertaining to academic honesty and appropriate student conduct, as **d**escribed in the student handbook. Students in web-based courses must maintain appropriate equipment   and software, according to the needs and requirements of the course, as outlined on the SRSU website.

NOTE: Students with any disability which would affect their performance in this course are encouraged to inform the instructor so that methods and materials may be adapted in such a way as to insure the student an equal opportunity for success.

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COURSE CALENDAR

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WEEK 1
AUG 24-30   Capítulos 1 y 2: Las grandes civilizaciones precolombinas

WEEK 2
AUG 31-SEP 6   Capítulo 3:   Europa en la época del descubrimiento de América

Discussion 1 (Chap. 1 & 2) Due by 11:59pm Sept. 6

WEEK 3
SEP 7-13   Capítulo 4:   La conquista de la América Hispana

WEEK 4
SEP 14-20   Capítulo 5:   El sistema colonial

Homework 1 (Chap. 3, 4 & 5) Due by 11:59pm on Sept. 20

WEEK 5
SEP 21-27   **EXAM I (covers chapters 1-5)**
Available from 8am Sept. 24 to 11:59pm Sept. 27

WEEK 6
SEP 28-OCT 4   Capítulo 7:   El Siglo XIX: La independencia y sus consecuencias

WEEK 7
OCT 5-11   Capítulo 8:   Latinoamérica a vista de pájaro

Discussion 2: (Chap. 7 & 8) Due by 11:59pm Oct. 11

WEEK 8
OCT 12-18   Capítulo 9:   El Siglo XX: Panorama latinoamericano

WEEK 9
OCT 19-25   Capítulo 10:   La escena cultural hasta la Segunda Guerra Mundial

Homework 2 (Chap. 9 & 10): Due by 11:59pm Oct. 25

WEEK 10
OCT 26-NOV 1   **EXAM II (covers chapters 7-10)**
Available from 8am Oct. 29 to 11:59pm Nov. 1

WEEK 11
NOV 2-8   Capítulo 11:   La escena cultural desde la Segunda Guerra Mundial

WEEK 12
NOV 9-15   Capítulo 12: Centroamérica y México;
                 Capítulo 13: El área del Caribe: Haití, La República Dominicana, Cuba

                 Discussion 3 (Chap. 11, 12, & 13): Due by 11:59pm Nov. 15

WEEK 13
NOV 16-22   Capítulo 14: La hispanoamérica andina: Ecuador, Perú, Bolivia

WEEK 14
NOV 23-29   Capítulo 15: Los países del cono sur: Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile

NOV 25-27   **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

                 Homework 3 (Chap. 14, 15) due by 11:59pm Nov. 29

WEEK 15
NOV 30-DEC 6   **EXAM III (covers chapters 11-15)**
                 Available from 8am December 3 to 11:59pm December 6

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPN 3316 ON THE WEB
Please Note:

If you do not have <u>reliable </u>access to a computer with an internet connection several days a week you should not take this class. If you do not have a computer at home, you may use the computers in one of the Rio Grande College computer labs. Please be advised that the RGC computer labs are only open Monday through Thursday from 8am to 9pm and Friday 8am to 5pm. As of this writing, there are no lab hours during the weekends at RGC. You may access the internet at the SWTJC Library also. You will need to verify their hours of operation.

- Now that you have successfully logged on to this course, please familiarize yourself with the information available on the system. Most everything you do will start by clicking on one of the buttons on the left side of the main course page. Feel free to experiment to familiarize yourself with the site. If you have trouble, click the "**Help**" button on the left side of the page.

- Every time you log on, check for new announcements by clicking on the "**Announcements**" button. This is how I will communicate general information to the class. I recommend logging on several times a week just to be sure.

- For all matters pertaining to this course, I will use the **"Message Center" feature**, so please check your messages **daily**. We will only use email for matters unrelated to the course. For example if you want to ask me a question regarding your degree plan, use email. If you need to ask me a question or make a comment about the course, use **ONLY** the "Message Center".

- Some of the course documents you will access in this course are in PDF format. The PDF format is used by Adobe Acrobat Reader which allows you to view and print out any document,

independent of the word processing or image viewing software you are using. In order to view these documents, your computer must have Acrobat Reader installed on it. All the computers at SRSU-Rio Grande College already have this program installed. If you are using a computer at home that does not have the Acrobat Reader, you can download a free copy by going to http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html and following the instructions.

- The basic format of this course is summarized here:

  - Each week you will complete the reading for that week, and you will answer questions posted under the "**Assignments**" button. While not all of the assignments will be turned in, I suggest you do them anyway, as the questions will be similar to the ones which will appear on the exams. For the **required homework assignments**, you will submit your answers in electronic format using the "Assignments" function of Blackboard. The due dates for all the homework assignments are clearly indicated on the syllabus.

  - All reading assignments are from the textbook. You can find the assignments for each week on the syllabus.

  - The publisher of your textbook maintains a web page which presents textual material to supplement the readings. You can access the website by clicking on the "External Links" button on the left side of the main course page. Once you have accessed that page, there are links to items of interest to the course. You can access these activities by clicking on the chapter number across the top of the page. While these activities are not required, they will help you understand and master the material presented in the textbook.

  - The exams for this course will be given on Blackboard on the dates and times indicated on the syllabus. The exams will be available **only** at those times. Once you begin taking the exam, you will have a maximum of 1½ hours to complete it. You **will** be able to restart the exam if you decide to stop before completing it, however, you will automatically resume where you left off, and you will not be able to see previously answered questions. The time limit applies even if you log out and get back in, so don't waste time off line. Be sure to use a reliable computer to avoid such problems as drop offs, freezes, etc. I suggest using the computers in one of the Rio Grande College computing labs. Finally, **don't wait** until the last minute of the exam period to begin your exam.

  - Class discussion topics will be posted occasionally and the due date/time is clearly marked on the syllabus. You can find the discussions by clicking on the "**Discussion Board**" button on the left side of the main course page. Once on the discussion board, you will find topics of discussion that you can respond to, or if you like, you can post your own topic or "thread". A thread is a topic of discussion which any number of people can participate in. It is not in "real time" so you can contribute whenever you like, as long as it is within the time allotted for each topic. Your course participation grade will be determined primarily by the quantity and quality of your comments throughout the semester.

- Information about your instructor, such as office hours and telephone number, can be found by clicking on the "**Your Instructor**" button on the main course page in Blackboard.

ALL TECHNICAL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ONE OF THE RGC TECHNICAL SUPPORT STAFF MEMBERS BELOW. THIS INCLUDES QUESTIONS ON HOW TO LOG ON TO BLACKBOARD, HOW TO OBTAIN AND USE A SUL ROSS EMAIL ACCOUNT, HOW TO USE EMAIL ATTACHMENTS, ETC.

Uvalde:
Mr. George Hernandez   phone: 830-279-3045   Email: ghernandez2@sulross.edu

Del Rio:
Mr. Francisco Rodriguez   phone: 830-703-4818   Email: @sulross.edu

Eagle Pass:
Mr. Juan Garza   phone 830-758-5010   Email: jgarza8@sulross.edu

IF YOU CANNOT GET HELP FROM ONE OF OUR LOCAL TECHNICIANS, PLEASE   CONTACT THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ON THE ALPINE CAMPUS USING ONE OF THE FOLLOWIING RESOURCES:

LoboTechnologyAssistanceCenter Support Staff

Phone: 432-837-8888 (ext. 8888/8765)

Online: Lobo Technology Assistance Center (LTAC)

For Service Requests: https://techassist.sulross.edu