

Course Syllabus: History 5304: W01/Seminar in the History of Modern Mexico

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Course Objectives

The objective of this course a graduate seminar/reading's course in the history of modern Mexico; 1821-present. This a an online, web-based course.

Course Requirements

This course has a number of requirements

First, regular contact should be maintained with the instructor (me). You need to check your Sul Ross email account and communicate with me through your Sul Ross account. If you are having problems with your Sul Ross account, you can always send me your assignments through various other accounts (yahoo, gmail, etc.) but I do prefer the official Sul Ross communications line. Also, do not worry about Blackboard, use my Sul Ross account for all correspondence.

Second, you will be required to read and write reviews over five history books, the sections and chapters to be list below. One review will be due every Monday. The reviews should be from three to five pages, double spaced, one inch margins, twelve font. Your name should also be on every assignment. The reviews should cover the content of each reading and also an analysis of your understanding or interpretation.

Third, you need to write a twelve to fifteen page research paper on a topic covering modern Mexican History. You can choose your topic but I need to approve it. The paper should use Chicago Style format, twelve font, one inch margins, title page and bibliography page should not count as content pages, footnotes are preferred. Topics can include The U.S. Mexico War, 1846-1848; The French Intervention 1862-1867; The Porfiriato 1876-1910; Why the Porfirian Regime fell 1905-1910; The Mexican revolution 1910-1940—lots of different papers could be worked into this one; Mexico since 1940—again, lots of topics within this one.

Required Readings (The books are available at the Sul Ross Bookstore or you can locate them online)

Michael Gonzales, **The Mexican Revolution, 1910-1940**. University of New Mexico Press, ISBN # 0-8263-2780-x, 2002

Enrique Krauze, **Mexico: Biography of Power: a History of Modern Mexico 1810-1996**, Harper Perennial, ISBN 0-06-092917-01. 1998.

Mark Saka, **For God and Revolution: Priest, Peasant and Agrarian Socialism in the Mexican Huasteca**” University of New Mexico Press, 2013, ISBN # 978-0826353382

Juan Mora-Torres, **The Making of the Mexican Border: State Capitalism, and Society in Nuevo Leon, 1848-1910**. University of Texas Press, ISBN # 0-202-75255-5, 2001.

Course Outline

January 19-class begins-obtain the books.

January 25-Krauze, pages 1-80 due

February 1—Krauze, pages 91-204 due

February 8-Krauze, pages 205-244; Gonzales, 5-59 due

February-15-Saka, For God and Revolution due.

February 22-Mora-Torres, pages 11-84

February 29-Mora-Torres, pages 85-165

March 7-Mora-Torres, pages 166-274

March 14-Gonzales, pages 60-91; Krauze pages 245-273 due

March 21-Gonzales, pages 112-159; Krauze pages 274-333 due

March 28-Gonzales, pages 160-202; Krauze pages 334-402 due (Paper Topics must be approved by this date).

April 4—Gonzales, pages 203-270 Krauze 404-490 due

April 11-Krauze, pages 491-600 due

April 18-Krauze pages 601—738 due

April 25-Krauze, pages 739-799

May 9-Papers Due!