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SYLLABUS FOR HISTORY 3302

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

In this course, the students will study the historical conditions that prevailed in Spain during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and the impact those developments had on the regions conquered by Spaniards in the American continent.

The students will also learn the manner in which Spaniards and Portuguese managed to overrun much of the American continent, and the ensuing culture, economically, politically, and socially, implanted by the conquerors in the subdued territories.

The students will also become acquainted with historical events that transpired in Europe and exerted significant influence in Latin America, such as the Thirty Years War, the War of the Spanish Succession, the Enlightenment, and the French Revolution.

The students will also analyze the movements for independence that occurred in Latin America at the beginning of the nineteenth century.

For the second half of the course, the students will follow the historical development of three major countries in South America, namely Argentina, Brazil, and Chile. Special attention will be paid by the students to the political and economic developments in those nations, especially the transition from authoritarian, oligarchic governments to mass political parties.

TEXTBOOK AND EXAM:

The textbook needed for this course is A History of Latin America (isbn-13: 978-0-618-73318-2) by Benjamin Keen. Information from this volume will appear in all exams. STUDENTS MUST PREPARE FOR THESE EXAMS BY READING THE TEXTBOOK EXTREMELY WELL.

The students will demonstrate their mastery of the material found in the textbook by taking six major exams during the semester. These exams will consist of thirty-five multiple choice questions and students will have fifty minutes to complete them. Exams must be taken during assigned dates, and make-up exams will be allowed only under EXTREME circumstances. The final exam will be like a regular exam. The points earned in those exams will amount to six hundred points by the end of the semester, and the total number of points will count for eighty six percent of the final grade, with the completed study guides discussed below making up the remaining fourteen percent. The final grade earned by the student will correspond to the percentage of points earned during the semester. A student, for example, who ends with 500 points at the end of the semester will have about a 71% average, and thus will receive a grade of C. Exams will be posted sometime in the morning of the due date and will remain posted until 8:00 p.m.

Students will also be required to complete study guides provided by professor. The terms, names, and concepts included in those study guides must be answered to the fullest extent possible from the information in the textbook. The completed study guides must be turned in via regular email. Please refer to the date schedule below for due dates on completed study guides and exam dates.

First completed study guide due on June 6.

First exam will be given on June 6.

Second completed study guide due on June 10.

Second exam will be given on June 10.

Third completed study guide due on June 15.

Third exam will be given on June 15.

Fourth completed study due on June 21.

Fourth exam will be given on June 21.

Fifth completed study guide due on June 28

Fifth exam will be given on June 28.

Final completed study guide due on July 5.

Final exam will be given on July 5.