

## **Course Syllabus: History 5303: W01 The History of Modern Mexico**

**Fall 2018 Sul Ross State University**

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### **Course Objective:**

The objective of this course is to examine the history of Mexico since independence as a republic in 1821, through the difficult half-century following independence, the dictatorship of Porfirio Diaz, 1876-1910, the Mexican Revolution 1910-1950, and the post-revolutionary era 1940 to the present.

### **Course Required Readings:**

Enrique Krauze, *Mexico: Biography of Power* Harper Pereniel, ISBN # 978-0060929176

Michael Gonzales, *The Mexican Revolution, 1910-1940*, University of New Mexico Press, ISBN # 978-0826327802

Mark Saad Saka, *For God and Revolution: Priest, Peasant and Agrarian Socialism in the Mexican Huasteca* ISBN # 978-0826353382

### **Course Requirements:**

There are a number of requirements for this course.

1. Obtain both the books.
2. You will be required to read the materials assigned and to turn in written reviews that will be turned in through Blackboard.
3. Each review should be from three to four pages.
4. The reviews must be turned in on the assigned date, for each day late, one letter grade will be deducted from the possible points.
5. There will be 15 assignment turned in. Each assignment will be graded as such; 90-100 points =A; 80-89=B; 70-79=C; 60-69=D; 0-59=F.
6. There will be one research paper, on a topic that I must approve, that will be worth 1,000 points; 900-1000=A; 800-899=B; 700-799=C; 600-699=D; 0-599=F
7. The total possible points for the 15 assignments will be 1500 points and one research paper worth 1000 points. At the end of the semester I will add up the points; 2,250-2,500=A; 2000-2,249=B; 1,750-1,999=C; 1,500-1,749=D; 0-1,499=F

### **Distance Education Statement**

Distance Education Resources • 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 described 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.

Communicating with the Professor: • The best way to contact me is through email at Msaka@sulross.edu. I will try to respond as soon as possible. If you do not receive a reply within 24 hours, please resend your email or call my office at 432.837-8304.

### **Course Outline**

**Aug 27**-first class day; obtain the books and email me that you have read the course syllabus and that you understand the course requirements and clear up any questions that you may have.

**Aug. 31**-Krauze, pages 1-90

**Sept. 07**-Krauze, pages 91-151

**Sept. 14**-Krauze, pages 152-244

**Sept. 21**-Saka, pages 1-82

**Sept. 28**-Saka, pages 83-144

**Oct. 05**-Gonzales, page 1-91

**Oct. 12**-Gonzales, pages 92-159

**Oct. 19**-Krauze, pages 245-333

**Oct. 26**-Krauze, pages 334-403

**Nov. 02**-Gonzales, pages 160-220

**Nov. 09**-Krauze, pages 404-490

**Nov. 16**—Gonzales, pages 221-270; **last day to withdraw from course with the letter grade W**

**Nov. 23**-Krauze, pages 491-600

**Nov. 30**Krauze, pages 601-738

**Dec. 06**-Krauze, pages 739-798

**Dec. 13**-final papers due by twelve pm.