

SYLLABUS FOR HISTORY 3308
SPRING 2025

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES FOR HISTORY OF MEXICO:

SLO—The history student will demonstrate the ability to write about topics in historiography and how those topics are interpreted.

Marketable skills---Students can utilize data to persuade various audiences.

Students can utilize data to generate and strengthen ideas.

Students can decipher stances adopted by various individuals.

SLO—The history student will demonstrate knowledge of American History, World History, and Non-American History.

Marketable Skills---Students can meet deadlines in a successful manner.

Students can discharge responsibilities in an adequate manner.

Students can manage the absorption of data.

In this course, the student will become acquainted with the pre-Hispanic civilizations of Mexico, especially the Aztec civilization.

The student will also become familiar with the early modern history of Spain.

The student will also learn about the conquest of Mexico by the Spaniards and the aftermath of the conquest.

The student will also examine the colonial history of Mexico, with special emphasis on the discovery of silver, the Indian population, the Catholic Church, and the racial groups in the country.

The student will also become familiar with the Bourbon reforms.

The student will also study the wars of independence in Mexico and the early history of independent Mexico.

The student will also examine the Texas revolution and the war between Mexico and the United States.

The student will also study the period of the Reform.

TEXTBOOKS AND EXAMS:

The textbook needed for this course is Triumphs and Tragedy: A History of the Mexican People (isbn 0-393-31066-3) by Ramon Eduardo Ruiz. Additional readings will be made available by the professor and will be indicated in the assignments section. **STUDENTS MUST READ THE TEXTBOOK AND ASSIGNED READINGS CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN AN ADEQUATE GRADE.**

Students will prove their mastery of the material learned in the textbook by completing five examinations during the semester. These examinations will consist of multiple-choice questions and will total one hundred points per test. The examinations will be timed, with fifty minutes given for the completion of every exam. Students must complete these examinations during the times given, and a make-up exam will require an extremely extraordinary reason. The examinations will be posted on blackboard sometime in the morning and will stay posted until 8:00 p.m. These tests will count for 500 points of the final grade.

STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE EACH EXAM TWICE, AND BLACKBOARD WILL RECORD THE HIGHEST GRADE OF THE TWO ATTEMPTS.

Students will also be required to make presentations during the weekly meetings. The presentations will be prepared from assignments in the textbook and will assist students in the completion of the multiple-choice exams. Presentations will be accompanied by in-class discussions. The class work (outlines, presentations, and discussion) will count for a total of 200 points, with students earning 20 points per week of presentations.

TWO ABSENCES WILL RESULT IN A LOSS OF A LETTER GRADE AT THE END OF THE SEMESTER, AND THREE WILL CAUSE THE STUDENT TO RECEIVE A GRADE OF F.

Please refer to the date schedule below for presentation and exam dates. Exams will be posted on the morning of the due date and will stay posted all day long. Final grades will depend upon the total points earned by students during the semester:

A's----630+ B's----560+ C's----490+ D's----420+

CLASS MEETINGS:

January 15-----Welcome to HST 3308 and syllabus

January 22-----Chapter 1
Presentations on chapter 1

January 27-----Chapters 1-2
Presentations on chapters 1 and 2

January 29-----Chapters 2-3
Presentations on chapters 2 and 3 (54-63)

February 3-----Presentations on chapters 2 and 3 (54-63)

February 5-----EXAM 1

February 10-----Chapters 3-4
Presentations on chapter 3 (63-71) and chapter 4

February 12-----Chapter 4
Presentations on chapter 4

February 17-----Chapters 4 and 5
Presentations on chapter 4 and chapter 5 (95-98)

February 19-----Chapters 4 and 5
Presentations on chapter 4 and chapter 5 (95-98)

February 24-----Exam 2

February 26-----Chapter 5
Presentations on chapter 5 (100-105, 107-112)

March 3-----Chapter 6
Presentations on chapter 6 (113-117, 123-125)

March 5-----Chapter 7
Presentations on chapter 7

March 10-----Chapters 7-8
Presentations on chapter 7 and chapter 8 (144-148)

March 12-----Chapters 7-8
Presentations on chapter 7 and chapter 8 (144-148)

March 17-----Spring Break

March 24-----Exam 3

March 26-----Chapter 8
Presentations on chapter 8 (148-165)

March 31-----Chapter 8
Presentations on chapters 8 (148-165)

April 2-----Chapter 9
Presentations on chapter 9 (166-176)

April 7-----Chapter 9
Presentations on chapter 9 (166-176)

April 9-----Exam 4

April 14-----Chapters 9-10
Presentations on chapter 9 (176-179) and chapter 10

April 16-----Chapter 10
Presentations on chapter 10

April 21-----Chapters 10-11
Presentations on chapter 10, chapter 11, chapter 12 (220-227)

April 23-----Chapter 11
Presentations on Chapter 11

April 28-----Chapter 12
Presentations on Chapter 12 (220-227)

April 30-----Exam 5

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