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Politics of Latin America

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Books available for purchase in UC Bookstore:

1. Jan Knippers Black, ed. (1998) *Latin America: Its Problems and Its Promise*. Boulder: Westview Press.
2. Felipe Aguero and Jeffrey Stark, eds. *Fault Lines of Democracy in Post-Transition Latin America*. Miami: North-South Center Press.

This course is designed to introduce students to the complexity of contemporary Latin America. No assumptions are made regarding students' familiarity with Latin America. I do, however, assume a willingness on the part of students to engage the intricacies and nuances of the region in a seminar setting. We will decide together whether the exams will be in-class or take-home.

Grading:

Exam #1 1/4

Exam #2 1/4

Class Attendance, in-class assignments, homework assignments, and participation 1/2

Students are required to read all assigned readings on time, and to come to class prepared to discuss them. All assigned readings must be read carefully and analytically *before* the class listed below for discussion. **Students are required to come to class with a typed question or statement regarding that day's reading.** Sometimes these will be completely of the student's choosing, other times I will require you to address a particular theme or section of the reading. These will be handed in. Students may miss three classes without explanation. After that, students must bring a typed statement explaining their absence (a phone call or verbal communication is insufficient). Make a serious effort to get to class on time. If you have a good reason for being late, convey it to me after class and be sure that I mark you present for that day.

It may well be necessary, from time to time, to rearrange assignments or alter the schedule. Any changes in scheduling will be announced in class. When you miss class, it is your responsibility to contact either the professor or another student to see what has been missed - and then to work hard to make it up by the next class.

September 8	Black, chapters 1-5
September 15	Black, chapters 6-11
September 22	Black, chapters 12-16
September 29	Black, chapters 17-21
October 6	Black, chapters 22-25
October 13	Black, chapters 26-28
October 20	Black, chapters 29-31 and exam workshop
October 27	Exam #1
November 3	Aguero and Stark, Preface and Part I
November 10	Aguero and Stark, Part II
November 17	Aguero and Stark, Part III
December 1	Aguero and Stark, Part IV and Conclusion
December 8	Exam #2