

Government 2900

U.S.-Latin American Relations

Purpose: A study of political and economic relations between the United States and Latin American countries, and of the international relations of Latin America, especially since 1960. Attention is also given to foreign policy decision-making in the United States and Latin America, and to alternative approaches to the study of international relations and foreign policy.

This is a discussion course where active student participation is necessary for the success of the course. There will be no lectures. There are no formal prerequisites; knowledge of Spanish or Portuguese is not required.

Enrollment: All Ph. D. students in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences are automatically admitted to the course. Other graduate or professional school students may apply for enrollment; I must sign these study cards. No undergraduates.

Requirements: There are three ways to fulfill course requirements. For the first two options, you must write short papers *in* advance of the class discussion for which the paper is pertinent. You can turn in the paper at the start of class time. A short paper means a double-spaced typescript 6-8 pages (this type size, cg times font). You must write such papers on different topics pertinent to the course throughout the semester. No additional research is needed for these short papers beyond the common readings assigned for class discussions. In writing the paper for a particular week, you are free to use items read for previous weeks that are pertinent to the new discussion. You set your own deadlines within the range specified below.

1. Write 5 short papers. Turn them in at any time in advance of the class discussion for which your paper is pertinent, provided you have done one by October 6, a second by October 27, a third by November 17, a fourth by December 8, and a fifth by December 15.
2. Write 3 short papers and take a take-home exam at the end of the course. You can turn in the papers at any time in advance of the class discussion for which your paper is pertinent, provided you have done one by October 6, a second by October 27, and the third by December 15. The take-home exam will be available on January 2; it is due on January 13.
3. Write the short paper due by October 6 and a research paper of seminar length and quality due January 13. The choice of topic is free.

Grading: For all students, class participation counts for 20% of the course grade.

1. Each short paper counts for 16% of the course grade.
2. Each short paper counts 16% and the take-home exam counts 32% of the course grade.
3. The short paper counts 20% and the seminar paper counts 60% of the course grade.

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Please do not call my home on business -- thank you.