

NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY HIS 232– HISTORY OF LATIN AMERICAN CIVILIZATIONS II (3 CR.)

Course Description

Examines the development of Latin American civilizations from the pre-Columbian era to the present. Part II of II. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

Surveys the general history of Mesoamerica, South America, and the Caribbean from about 2,000 BCE to 1820 CE and allows students to reach a basic understanding of the characteristic features of the region's development in that span of time. Students will learn about some of the important political, economic, social, intellectual, cultural, and religious changes that shaped the development of Latin America from earliest times to independence.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

No prerequisites. Recommended, but not required, that students take a 100-level history course prior to enrolling in HIS 231.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

- a) Establish a chronology of historical events in Latin America since 1800. (Addresses general education objectives C and D under information literacy.)
- b) Explain the similarities and differences among modern Latin American nations. (Addresses general education objective A and E under cultural and social understanding.)
- c) Define the importance of key individuals and developments in Latin America after 1800. (Addresses general education objective C and D under information literacy.)
- d) Identify the social, economic, political, and religious forces at work in the evolution of modern Latin American history. (Addresses general education requirements A and E under cultural and social understanding.)
- e) Recognize and describe the significance of some of the cultural achievements of modern Latin America. (Addresses general education objective C under cultural and social understanding.)
- f) Analyze complex historical sources and materials and reach conclusions based on interpretations of those materials. (Addresses general education objectives A and B under communication and objective D under critical thinking.)

Major Topics to be Included

- a) Challenges facing the newly independent Latin American states
- b) Mexico and Central America in the 19th century
- c) South America in the 19th century
- d) Brazilian empire
- e) Mexican Revolution
- f) Cuban Revolution
- g) Contemporary Brazil
- h) Argentina and Chile
- i) Andean nations
- j) Latin America and the United States
- k) Contemporary issues in Latin America