Course Syllabus

International Politics of Latin America

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Course Information

Course Name	INR4243 - International Politics of Latin America
Credit Hours	3 Credit Hours

Semester/Year	Spring 2014
Location	Tues/Thurs 1:30--2:45 p.m., BA2, Room 207

Course Description

The course focuses on U.S.-Latin American relations. Topics range from diplomatic history of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, the region's struggle for economic and political development, U. S. military interventions, revolutionary instability and counterinsurgency, terrorism and the drug war, and future U. S. -Latin American relations.

Course Objectives

- Learn history of inter-American relations
- Evaluate U. S. policy in the hemisphere
- Develop policy alternatives
- Develop analysis and writing skills

Required Texts

- Smith, Peter H. *Talons of the Eagle: Latin America, the United States, and the World*, 4th. ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.
- Schlesinger, Stephen, and Stephen Kinzer. *Bitter Fruit: The Story of American Coup in Guatemala*, revised edition. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2005. (Any edition is ok.)
- Lindsay-Poland, John. *Emperors in the Jungle: The Hidden History of the U.S. in Panama*. Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 2003.
- Munoz, Heraldo. *The Dictator's Shadow: Life Under Augusto Pinochet*. New York: Basic Books, 2008.

Course Requirements

There are FIVE grading components to the course worth 20 points each.

1. Midterm consisting of essays and objective identifications or short answers, and/or an online component of multiple choice questions.

2. Non-comprehensive Final of similar composition as midterm.

3. Analysis paper of 8-10 word processed (double-spaced) pages on *Bitter Fruit* (further instructions are posted online).

4. Analysis paper of 8-10 word processed (double-spaced) pages on *The Dictator's Shadow* (further instructions are posted online).

5. Attendance and Participation (10 points); 2-4 page Reaction Paper (10 points) on *Emperors in the Jungle* (further instructions are posted online).

Missed Assignments, Make-Ups, Extra Credit

If you miss an exam or assignment you will need a medical excuse, and be required to take a comprehensive final exam. Assignments and papers not submitted by the due date on the schedule and as instructed will lose 5 points for each calendar day (not class day) late. The Analysis Papers must be submitted to turnitin via Canvas/webcourses to receive full credit. Further instructions are posted online. There is NO extra credit. If you do the required readings and assignments well and on time and you should do well in the course.

Evaluation and Grading

The final course grade is largely based on the following scale:

Letter Grade	**Points**
A	93 – 100 points
A-	90 – 92 points
B+	87 – 89 points
B	83 – 86 points
B-	80 – 82 points
C+	77 – 79 points
C	73 – 76 points
C-	70 – 72 points
D+	67 – 69 points
D	63 – 66 points
D-	60 – 62 points
F	59 and below

Attendance Policy

Regular attendance is required in order to do well in the class. Materials that are covered in class may not always be in the readings, and vice versa. Also active participation in class discussion is a key component of your attendance, and will impact your final grade, especially if you are on the borderline. More than **FIVE** absences and a failure to participate in discussions may result in a lowered overall grade. Class Attendance and regular Discussion of readings and lectures is mandatory. More than a total of **five** absences and points will be

deducted of one point for each day beyond five absences.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism and Cheating of any kind on an examination, quiz, or assignment will result at least in an "F" for that assignment (and may, depending on the severity of the case, lead to an "F" for the entire course) and may be subject to appropriate referral to the Office of Student Conduct for further action. See the UCF Golden Rule for further information. I will assume for this course that you will adhere to the academic creed of this University and will maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. In other words, don't cheat by giving answers to others or taking them from anyone else. I will also adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity, so please do not ask me to change (or expect me to change) your grade illegitimately or to bend or break rules for one person that will not apply to everyone.

Disability Statement

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities. This syllabus is available in alternate formats upon request. Students with disabilities who need accommodations in this course must contact the professor at the beginning of the semester to discuss needed accommodations. No accommodations will be provided until the student has met with the professor to request accommodations. Students who need accommodations must be registered with Student Disability Services, Student Resource Center Room 132, phone (407) 823-2371, TTY/TDD only phone (407) 823-2116, before requesting accommodations from the professor.