

HIS 216
U.S.-Latin America Relations

Satisfies: GLO, SBS [DEC: J]

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Online Asynchronous

This course aims to introduce students to the history and central themes of U.S.-Latin America relations, from the early nineteenth century to the present. To do so, we will examine multiple perspectives incorporating a range of actors, institutions, and ideological forces both in Latin America and the United States. How, when, and why has U.S. strategy toward Latin America evolved over time? When and why has the U.S. sided with progressive forces seeking change, or with reactionary ones looking to uphold the status quo? What was the significance of the Cold War on U.S.-Latin American relations? We will delve into six different periods and six different thematics. The lectures will move chronologically and examine dynamics related to political, economic, diplomatic, social, and cultural aspects. Additionally, we will analyze the Inter-American connections of Latin America's insertion in Global History. The course will promote the reading and analysis of written primary and secondary sources, images, and music.