Modern Latin America
HIS/POL 214
Satisfies: GLO, SBS [DEC: J]

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Online Asynchronous

This course offers an introduction to the major themes in modern Latin American history, from the early nineteenth century to the present. Students will gain a deeper understanding of some of the central historical themes that have shaped Latin American society and politics since achieving independence, thus providing the basis for making sound observations and judgments about the political, economic, social, and cultural realities affecting Latin America today. The class advances chronologically and thematically, covering topics such as nationalism, popular culture, U.S.-Latin American relations, revolutionary & counterrevolutionary struggles, and cultural practices. Lectures approach the hemisphere comparatively, drawing similarities and differences between nation-states and regions. Students will write weekly response papers and a final paper.