Political Development in Latin America
Political Science 356-001

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Goals of the Course:
This course provides an introduction to Latin American politics combining both historical and contemporary perspectives. The class focuses on the different kinds of political regimes and the patterns of political change inherent to the Latin American countries during the 20th Century. As well, contemporary events will be analyzed using recent pieces in political science. The course puts a higher emphasis is the biggest countries in the South American cone (Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela and Chile) and Mexico, but also provides an overview of the remaining cases and the most salient Central American units. Upon completion of the class, students should be able to recognize and understand the main approaches to the study of politics in the region.

Requirements
Class attendance is mandatory and active participation is required. The final grade will reflect the performance in the following instances:

Class participation: 15%

Students are required to actively engage in discussions, which imply, of course, a careful reading of the weekly materials.

Two Exams: 25% each one

Final Paper: 35%
A 10-15 pages final research paper reviewing and developing any of the topics covered in the course is required. Students must hand in a proposal (1-2 pages) no later than March 22nd. It is strongly recommended that everyone talks to the instructor before the aforementioned deadline. Take into consideration that the proposal is a part of the final grade. Failure to deliver the prospectus will imply a failure in the final evaluation stage. Additionally, all requirements need to be fulfilled. Failure to comply with any of the requirements will result in a failing grade for the class.

**Americans with Disabilities Act:**

“Qualified students with disabilities needing appropriate academic adjustments should contact me as soon as possible to ensure your needs are met in a timely manner. Handouts are available in alternative accessible formats upon request.” If you need more information on ADA, please contact the Office of Equal Opportunity at 277-5251.

**Required Books:**


**Additional Readings:**

Every other reading that’s not in the books will be available either via UNM's library website (eJournal finder) or in the course’s page at eReserve (pass: pdla356).
Schedule:

**Week 1: Why Latin America?**
1/15-17: Presentation, Introduction and Overview: SSG 3-41

**Week 2: Democracy and Cycles**
1/22: PHS 6-42
1/24: PHS 43-71

**Week 3: Internal and External Determinants of Democracy and Wealth**
1/29-1/31: PHS 106-11


**Week 4: Populism, Democracy and Welfare**
2/5: PHS 211-262

**Week 5: Institutional Determinants of Regime Stability**
2/12: PHS 135-179
2/14: PZM 17-80

Week 6: Elections and Participation
2/19: PHS 180-208
2/21: PZM 241-270

Week 7: Review and Exam
2/26: Review
2/28: First Exam

Week 8: Brazil
3/5: SSG 306-348

Week 9: Spring Break (3/12-14)

Week 10: Argentina
3/19: SSG 244-277

PAPER PROPOSAL DUE!

Week 11: México
3/26: SSG 45-81

**Week 12: Venezuela**

4/2: SSG 219-243


**Week 13: The Andes**

4/9: SSG 150-190

4/11: Cocalero

**Week 14: Chile**

4/16: SSG 278-305


**Week 15: Rise of the left?**


**Week 16: The End**

4/30: 2nd Exam

5/2: Review and Discussion
Final Paper due: 5/10