

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:

Skidmore, Thomas, Peter H. Smith and James Green. 2010. *Modern Latin America, Seventh Edition*. Oxford University Press. ISBN: 978-0-19-537570-1. **(SSG)**

Smith, Peter H. 2011. *Democracy in Latin America: Political Change in Comparative Perspective, Second Edition*. Oxford University Press. ISBN: 978-0-19-538773-5. **(PHS)**

Payne, Mark, Daniel Zovatto, and Mercedes Mateo Diaz. *Democracies in Development: Politics and Reform in Latin America*. 2007. Inter-American Development Bank. ISBN: 1-59782-036-9 **(PZM)**. Also available online in the library:

<http://site.ebrary.com.libproxy.unm.edu/lib/unma/docDetail.action?docID=10201141&p00=democracies%20development>

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

Valenzuela, Arturo and Samuel Valenzuela. 1978. "Modernization and Dependency: Alternative Perspectives in the Study of Latin American Underdevelopment". *Comparative Politics* 10(4): 535-552.

Germani, Gino. 1969-1970. "Stages of Modernization in Latin America." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 5(8):155-172.

Przeworski, Adam and Fernando Limongi. 1997. "Modernization." *World Politics* 9(2):155-184.

Week 4: Populism, Democracy and Welfare

2/5: PHS 211-262

2/7: Roberts, Kenneth. 1995. "Neoliberalism and the Transformation of Populism in Latin America: The Peruvian Case". *World Politics* 48(1): 82-116

Week 5: Institutional Determinants of Regime Stability

2/12: PHS 135-179

2/14: PZM 17-80

Nickson, Andrew. 2012, July 10th. "Paraguay's Presidential Coup: the Inside Story." <http://www.opendemocracy.net/andrew-nickson/paraguays-presidential-coup-inside-story?referer>

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

3/7: Mainwaring, Scott. 1995. "Brazil: Weak Parties, Feckless Democracy." In Mainwaring, Scott and Timothy Scully (eds.) *Building Democratic Institutions: Party Systems in Latin America*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Samuels, David. 2004. "From Socialism to Social Democracy: Party Organization and the Transformation of the Workers' Party in Brazil." *Comparative Political Studies* 37 (4): 999-1024.

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

Week 10: Argentina

3/19: SSG 244-277

3/21: Levitsky, Steven. 2001. "Organization and Labor-Based Party Adaptation: The Transformation of Argentine Peronism in Comparative Perspective." *World Politics* 54(3): 27-56.

Corrales, Javier. 2002. "Killing me softly with each shock: Explaining Argentina's Depression." Manuscript, Amherst College.

PAPER PROPOSAL DUE!

Week 11: México

3/26: SSG 45-81

3/28: Diaz-Cayeros, Alberto, and Beatriz Magaloni. 2001. "Party Dominance and the Logic of Electoral Design in Mexico's Transition to Democracy." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 13(3):271-93.

Langston, Joy. 2003. "Rising from the Ashes? Reorganizing and Unifying the PRI's State Party Organizations after Electoral Defeat." *Comparative Political Studies* 36(3): 293-318.

Week 12: Venezuela

4/2: SSG 219-243

4/4: Weyland, Kurt. 2003. "Economic voting reconsidered: Crisis and charisma in the election of Hugo Chavez." *Comparative Political Studies* 36(4): 822-848.

Merolla, Jennifer L. and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister. 2011. "The Nature, Determinants, and Consequences of Chávez's Charisma: Evidence From a Study of Venezuelan Public Opinion." *Comparative Political Studies* 44(1): 28-54.

Week 13: The Andes

4/9: SSG 150-190

4/11: Cocalero

Week 14: Chile

4/16: SSG 278-305

4/18: Navia, Patricio. 2011. "Living in actually existing democracies: Democracy to the Extent Possible in Chile". *Latin American Research Review*, Special Issue: 298-328.

Alemán, Eduardo and Sebastián M. Saiegh. 2007. "Legislative Preferences, Political Parties, and Coalition Unity in Chile." *Comparative Politics* 39(3): 253-272.

Week 15: Rise of the left?

4/23: Seligson, Mitchell. 2007. "The Rise of Populism and the Left in Latin America". *Journal of Democracy*, Volume 18(3): 81-95.

4/25: Remmer, Karen. 2012. "The Roots of Electoral Change: The Rise of Leftist- Populist Governance in Latin America." *Comparative Political Studies* 45(4): 947-973.

Week 16: The End

4/30: 2nd Exam

5/2: Review and Discussion

Final Paper due: 5/10