

Imperial Valley College Course Syllabus – COURSE

Basic Course Information

Semester	Fall, 2016	Instructor Name	Lisa Solomon
Course Title and #	HIST/LAS 130	Instructor Email	lisa.solomon@imperial.edu
CRN	10984/10985	Office Number	Room 807
Classroom	413	Office Hours	M 1:00pm- 2:30pm T 11:30am-12:30pm W 1:00pm – 2:00pm R 11:30am – 1:00pm
Class Dates	Aug. 15-Dec. 7, 2016	Office Phone Number	760-355-6453
Class Days	MW	Secondary Contact	760-355-6144
Class Times	9:40-11:05am		
Units	3		

I am available for meetings with students beyond the class hours. However, because of other obligations, students should contact me to set up an appointment. Contact can be made before or after class, by email, or by voice mail.

Course Description

This course compares the different regions of Latin America from the early native period (prehistory) to 1810 including Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean. The course explores pre-Columbian American civilizations, European exploration and conquest, the colonial era, independence movements, and the creation of nations. Emphasis is given to the economic and social changes, the political and legal struggles, and the cultural and intellectual evolution generated by the encounter of two cultures and the creation of a third distinctive culture.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and/or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to: (1) identify and recall key information from a historical text and/or a documentary film; (2) describe the causes and/or impact of a historical event; and (3) explain and analyze the key information contained in a primary source document.

Course Objectives

Upon the successful completion of the course, students will possess a broad understanding of the most important ideas, personalities, movements and event of early Latin American history, articulate the roles played by various political and social groups, as well as be able to describe some of the recurring themes during this time in Latin American history.

Textbooks and Other Resources or Links

Required: *Colonial Latin America*, 9th edition. ISBN 978019340484. It is available for rent and sale at the IVC Bookstore.

Additional readings/articles may be made available at my discretion.

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Exams: There will be four exams. All will be based on the text, any additional readings, lectures (which includes Power Point presentations), and videos. Only one make-up exam will be given to a student during the semester, and must be scheduled with me.

Make-up exams may be used *only* if the original exam was not taken at the scheduled time due to illness or verified family or work emergency, and I am notified before the test. Any make-up exams scheduled for more than three school days after the original test date face a point reduction of 25%. I will not approve any make-up test scheduled later than one (1) week after the original test date. There is NO make-up available for the Final exam!

Writing Requirement: Students will be required to complete four written assignments. Information on these assignments will be presented by me.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

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Discussion/Participation	150 points (approx. 4 pts./class)
Exams (four @ 50 points each)	200 points
Assignments (four @ 50 points each)	200 points
Midterm	150 points
Final	300 points

Grading will be based on total points, as follows:

A = 901 – 1000 pts.	B = 801 – 900.5 pts.
C = 701 – 800.5 pts.	D = 601 – 700.5 pts.
F = 0 – 600.5 pts.	

Discussion points will be deducted when a student is late (1 point each time), and/or when a student disrupts the class by talking during the lecture or videos loud enough to disturb other students, has a cell phone ring during class, etc. (1/2 point each time). Points can only be earned by a student who asks questions and/or participates in classroom discussions. Points are not earned simply for attendance.

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I reserve the right to have students complete additional work in class. Any such work will have points added to what is shown above. **I do NOT offer extra credit work.**

Letter grades will not be included on tests and assignments. They will only be used for the final course grade.

Attendance

A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See [General Catalog](#) for details.

Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.

Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

Classroom Etiquette

Electronic Devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class, unless otherwise directed by me.

Food and Drink are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed by me.

Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the [General Catalog](#).

Children in the classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, no one who is not enrolled in the class may attend, including children.

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the important of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

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There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to "cite a source" correctly, you must ask for help.

Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

Additional Student Services

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

Blackboard Support Site. The Blackboard Support Site provides a variety of support channels available to students 24 hours per day.

Learning Services. There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab](#); [Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).

Library Services. There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the [Study Skills Center](#), study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the [Disabled Student Programs and Services](#) (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Veterans' Center

The mission of the IVC Military and Veteran Success Center is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students on three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie; to serve as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. Their goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. The Center is located in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

Student Health Center. A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District and El Centro Regional Center provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6310 in Building 1500, Office #1536, for more information.

Mental Health Counseling Services. Short-term individual, couples, family, and group therapy are provided to currently enrolled students. Contact the IVC [Mental Health Counseling Services](#) at 760-355-6310 in Building 1500, Office 1536, for more information.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC [General Catalog](#).

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC [Library Department](#) provides numerous [Information Literacy Tutorials](#) to assist students in this endeavor.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

The readings are to be done before class. This schedule is subject to change.

Aug. 15	<i>Syllabus and Introduction; in-class essay</i>
Aug. 17	<i>Early civilizations</i>
	Assignment #1 available
Aug. 22	<i>Early civilizations (cont.)</i>
	Assignment #1 due
Aug. 24	<i>Eve of contact</i>
Aug. 29	<i>Arrival of Europeans</i>
Aug. 31	Test #1
Sep. 05	NO CLASS – Labor Day holiday
Sep. 07	<i>The Spanish</i>

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Sep. 12	<i>Spanish colonization</i>
Sep. 14	<i>The Portuguese and colonization</i> Assignment #2 available
Sep. 19	<i>Empires</i> Assignment #2 due
Sep. 21	<i>Colonial economies</i>
Sep. 26	Test #2
Sep. 28	<i>Colonial life</i> Midterm guide available
Oct. 03	<i>Changing native life</i>
Oct. 05	Midterm exam
Oct. 10	<i>Colonial societies</i>
Oct. 12	<i>Colonial issues</i>
Oct. 17	<i>Outside influences</i> Assignment #3 available
Oct. 19 & 24	<i>Attempts at reform</i> Assignment #3 due Oct. 19
Oct. 26	<i>Desires for independence</i>
Oct. 31	Test #3
Nov. 02	<i>Portugal and its colony</i>
Nov. 07 & 09	<i>Revolutions</i> Assignment #4 available Nov. 09
Nov. 14	<i>Independence</i> Assignment #4 due
Nov. 16	<i>Challenges to governing</i>
Nov. 21 & 23	NO CLASS – Thanksgiving holiday Final exam guide available
Nov. 28	Test #4
Nov. 30	<i>Leaders and politics</i>
Dec. 05	<i>Economics and living; status by 1830</i>
Dec. 07	Final exam