

Modern Latin America
HIS/POL 214
Summer Session-II

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This survey course explores the history of the part of the American continent known as “Latin America” and engages students in a discussion that deconstructs traditional historical narratives of the nation. Our study will move chronologically as well as thematically from the era of the Independence Revolutions through the first decade of the 21st century. While our emphasis is on social movements, politics, war, and revolutions, we will examine the cultural variables of such dynamics expressed in the notions of race, nation, and gender. These concepts will also illuminate how the development of institutional systems of science, health, and education, was critical to the construction of the modern Latin American nation-states. We will especially focus on peoples of indigenous and African descent and the societies and nation-states they crucially contributed to shape. As we examine how the new independent countries struggled to find their way into modern nations, we will enrich our study through the analysis of a variety of written, visual, and audio sources.