Welcome!
Course Description

An integrated study of the history and culture of Latin America. Focuses on how modern Latin American cultures are the product of a historic biological and cultural interchange between Europe, Africa, and the Americas. Topics include pre-Columbian civilizations, the Encounter and its aftermath, independence and neo-colonialism, and modernist art, literature, and cinema. Meets Gordon Rule requirement (3 credits)

Major Topics

- What is Latin America
- Empires of the Sun
- Latin America Emerges
- Nationalism
- Social Revolution
- Latinos in the United States
- Chronicle of a Death Foretold by Gabriel García Márquez

Evaluation - Your grade will be calculated as follow for HUM.

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Grades:

90-100 = A
80-89 = B
70-79 = C
60-69 = D
Less than 60 = F

Textbook/Materials

- Gabriel García Márquez. *Chronicle of a Death Foretold (any edition).*

Class Etiquette

Please observe Universal Etiquette.
Students with Disabilities:

Students who qualify for academic accommodations must provide a letter from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) and discuss specific needs with the professor, preferably during the first week of class. The Office for Students with Disabilities determines accommodations based on appropriate documentation of disabilities. The goal at the OSD is to open doors, remove barriers and assist you in any way they can. The key to success is matching your needs to the services provided.

“Students with disabilities who qualify for academic accommodations must provide a Notification to Instructor (NTI) form from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) and discuss specific needs with the professor, preferably during the first two weeks of class. The Office for Students with Disabilities determines accommodations based on appropriate documentation of disabilities. Please contact (campus phone number) for more information.” Here is the link to Valencia’s OSD website: http://www.valenciacollege.edu/osd

Valencia ID cards are required for LRC, Testing Center, and IMC usage. No other form of ID at those locations will be accepted. Possession and utilization of a Valencia ID is mandatory in order to obtain these services.

Class Requirements

Test, Quizzes, Discussion & Assignments:

Notice: I use safe assignments which it means you should be writing your own papers any plagiarism is reflected on your assignments and you will be graded accordingly to Valencia’s policies.

Test and Quizzes: Are equivalent to a 20% of your class grade.

Final Exam: Students will take one online final comprehensive final exam. The final exam is worth 20% of your grade. If students do not take the final exam, students will receive a 0/100. The final exam must be taken on the week published for final exams per Valencia College schedule.

Research Paper: Your research paper is an extensive writing mandatory for this core course using MLA style.

Assignments/Journals: All assignments are due before 11:59 pm on the specified date.

Discussions: Participation on discussion is important; all your discussions need to be posted on Fridays your replies by Sunday before 11:59 p.m.

Withdrawal Policy

Students will receive a W if withdrawn by the withdrawn deadline-check Valencia's College Calendar. If a student withdraws or is withdrawn by the professor or other reasons, the professor will assign a grade of F, based upon the student's academic achievement in the class as of the last day of attendance. (For withdrawal purposes the last day of attendance is evaluated on your assignment performance). Remember that students can only withdraw up to the Withdrawal Deadline as noted in the Important College Calendar Dates in the college catalog!
Valencia College

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Student Conduct and Academic Honesty:

Valencia College is dedicated to promoting honorable personal and social conduct. By enrolling at Valencia, a student assumes the responsibility for knowing and abiding by the rules articulated in the Student Code of Conduct (6Hx28:10-03). The instructor reserves the right to refer students who engage in activities that are disruptive to the learning environment to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action. The following list, though not exhaustive, includes things which are disruptive to the learning environment:

- Plagiarism, cheating, submitting work of another person of work previously used without informing the instructor, tampering with the academic work of others and other forms of academic dishonesty may lead to lowered course grade or withdrawn from class, failure of the course or more severe measures, depending on judgments of the gravity of the individual case. (I use safe assignments on my online classes).

- Each student is expected to be in complete compliance with the college policy on Academic Honesty as set forth in the admissions catalog and the student handbook. Any student cheating on an exam will receive a zero on the exam, which cannot be replaced by the final score, and the professor at his/her discretion can withdraw the student from the class.

- Exams and homework are considered individual effort; any submissions that are too similar for coincidence will receive no credit. This include any writing assignment where a translator or google have been used or where the level of proficiency is higher than the one shown in class.

- Students may collaborate in group assignments. This does NOT include duplication of work. Collaboration should be used to edit or to clarify doubts. If anyone is involved in incidents of cheating will be given a zero ("0") for that assignment/quiz/exam/project without regard to who did the original work or who may have benefited. Each student is expected to be in complete compliance with the college policy on Academic Honesty as set forth in the admissions catalog and the student handbook. Any student(s) cheating on an exam will receive a zero on the exam, which cannot be replaced with the final score and the professor at his/her discretion can withdraw you from the class.

- Student behavior or speech that disrupts the instructional setting or is clearly disrespectful of the instructor or fellow students will not be tolerated. Disruptive conduct may include but is not limited to: 1. Rude or disrespectful behavior; 2. Unwarranted interruptions; 3. Failure to adhere to instructor’s directions; 4. Vulgar or obscene language, slurs, or other forms of intimidation; 5. Verbally abusive behavior. Student’s behavior that is inappropriate will result in disenrollment from the course.

- In addition, Valencia College strives to provide a drug-free learning environment for all those involved in the academic experience. Our policy is as follows:
Valencia College is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge and learning, and to the development of responsible personal and social conduct. By enrolling at Valencia, a student assumes the responsibility for knowing and abiding by the rules of appropriate behavior as articulated in the Student Code of Conduct. The primary responsibility for managing the classroom environment rests with the faculty. Faculty may direct students who engage in inappropriate behavior that results in disruption of a class to leave the class. Such students may be subject to other disciplinary action which may include a warning, withdrawal from class, probation, suspension, or expulsion from the college. Please read the Student Code of Conduct in the current Valencia Student Handbook. Here is the link to Valencia’s Student Code of Conduct website:

http://www.valenciac.edu/policies/policydetail2.cfm?PolicyCatID=10&PolicyID=3

Syllabus Disclaimer Statement

This Syllabus may be altered, at the instructor’s discretion, during the course of the term. It is the responsibility of the student to make any adjustments as announced. Keep a hard copy of this syllabus!!

Remember:

This course will be conducted only online. We will have diverse activities assigned such as readings, essays, journals, videos, discussions, test and quizzes. The students registered in this course reflect a cross-section of professional backgrounds.

Developing cultural awareness and understanding the rich culture of the Spanish-speaking world are the two primary objectives of the course. Consequently, the program combines content-based language instruction with an interactive task-based approach. This means that the material will be presented to you thematically and that the activities used to reinforce your language development will focus on real-life language situations. You will be expected to actively participate in a variety of interactive small and large-group activities.

The following are a few suggestions regarding successful completion of this course. This course requires attention to the following:

1. Familiarize yourself with the syllabus and course expectations. The topic and format for each posting, assignment, and final paper are described in the course materials.
2. The due dates for postings, assignments, papers, testing are noted in the syllabus and the calendar. I provide ample time that you can work on your assignments; therefore all assignment papers, test, quizzes, etc.; are due on the announced date, no exceptions.
3. Required work that is submitted late may not be accepted. Extenuating circumstances may result in late acceptance but points may be deducted for lateness.
4. Please do not hesitate to email with any concerns. We will communicate throughout Blackboard. You will need to enter the course to access my emails. I check my e-mails from Sundays to Thursdays. You should expect an answer
from me within 24 to 48 hours from your e-mail time, (I usually answer earlier). I encourage you to check your email on Blackboard regularly as well.

5. You will find that once you log into Blackboard, you will be find detail class information and resources. Please read it and use these available tools.

6. If you have technical issues or are unsure about how to use Blackboard, please contact the Helpdesk.

7. Class participation is important and is weighed heavily when considering your final grade for this course. You are expected to participate in all class and group discussions. In your reactions, you should reflect on the material learned, ask substantive and meaningful questions, offer insights, and refer to the course readings whenever appropriate. Your responses must be academic in nature and should add new knowledge, insights, and/or references.

8. All postings and assignments should exhibit your best work. These should be free of grammatical and other writing errors. All writings should follow the requirements of MLA, especially those pertaining to proper format for citations, references, and quotes.

9. El Café Latino: This is a space reserved for you on Discussion tab to communicate with your peers. You can ask questions and post course-related topics. Please adhere to netiquette guidelines. I will read all questions and answers and only post a comment if a question is not answer or is missing information. I will encourage an active participation if this forum.

10. Please observe Universal Etiquette with peer and staff.

You are encouraged to navigate the course information provided on Blackboard.

Again, welcome to our course. I look forward to a great semester.