Course ID: HIST(LACS) 4200/6200. 3 hours. Repeatable for maximum 9 hours credit.

Course Title: Studies in Latin American History

Course Description: Special issues or topics in Latin American history not covered in a regular history course. Topics, methodology, and instructor vary from semester to semester. Representative topics include the Latin American revolutionary tradition, the wars of independence in the Americas, and Latin American wars.

Athena Title: STUDIES LAT AMER

Semester Course Offered: Offered every year.

Grading System: A-F (Traditional)

Course Objectives: This course is designed to cover special topics not otherwise offered in the history curriculum. Specific objectives and learning outcomes will vary from instructor to instructor and from topic to topic. A principal objective of the course is to teach students to think critically for themselves about the relationships between the past and the present, to learn to ask questions of the past that enable them to understand the present and mold the future, and to become attuned to both the limitations and possibilities of change. The course seeks to acquaint students with the ways in which past societies and peoples have defined the relationships between community and individual needs and goals, and between ethical norms and decision-making.

In general students will be expected to:

1. read a wide range of primary and secondary sources critically.

2. polish skills in critical thinking, including the ability to recognize the difference between opinion and evidence, and the ability to evaluate--and support or refute--arguments effectively.

3. write stylistically appropriate and mature papers and essays using processes that include discovering ideas and evidence, organizing that material, and revising, editing, and polishing the finished papers.

Topical Outline: Will vary from instructor to instructor and from topic to topic. Representative topics include the Latin American revolutionary tradition, the wars of independence in the Americas, and Latin American wars.
A sample topical outline for the topic "Revolutionary Mexico" would be:

Introduction to the Course

The Mexican Revolution: A Short Introduction

Theories of Peasant Resistance

Crucible of Villismo: Gender Disorder on the Border

The Diaz Regime: Order and Progress?

Modernity and Its Discontents

The Zapatista Challenge

Madero and the Middling Sorts

The Revolutionary State?

Revolutionary Art: Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera

Cardenismo: Juggernaut or Jalopy?

Reading Revolutionary Mexico

The Nuevo South. Revolutionary Mexico comes to Athens

Si se puede?

Greater Mexico?