This intensive three-week course, taught at the University of Chicago's Study Abroad program in Oaxaca, is the third in a three-course sequence on the civilizations of Latin America, with special focus on Mexico and Oaxaca. Latin American Civilizations I covers pre-Columbian civilizations. Latin American Civilizations II focuses on the Hispanic centuries. Latin American Civilizations III covers the emergence of independent nations, Mexico in particular. The course covers the struggles for independence from Spain, the nineteenth-century dilemmas of nation building, the Mexican Revolution and subsequent reforms, and the contemporary period. Registration is by course number SOSC 19021, section 99. Work for the course will include class participation and presentations and short assignments/papers.

**Books to buy:**


**Readings:**

Week 1 MAKING A NATION

2/23  (1)  INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE

(2) OVERVIEW OF THE COLONIAL PERIOD
Rec: *Mexican History* Part III Ch. 8-12

2/24  FIELDTRIP: Excursion on foot to the house of Benito Juárez.

2/25  (1)  MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE FROM SPAIN [83 pp]
*Mexican History* Part IV, Ch. 13-16, Part V, Ch. 17-19

(2) LIBERAL REFORM AND AGRARIAN IMPACT [66 pp]
*Mexican History* Part VI, Ch. 20-22
*Mexico Reader*, Florescano (131-40), González (239-51), Craib (252-62)
Rec: *Mexico Reader*, Calderon (196-205), anonymous (213-16); Junta, Carlotta, Juarez, (263-72)

2/26  (1)  DICTATORSHIP OF PORFIRIO DIAZ [34 pp.]
*Mexican History*, Part VII, Ch. 23-25

(2) MODERNIZATION AND FOREIGN RELATIONS [60 pp.]
Rec: *Mexico Reader*, Arnold & Frost (273-8), Travern (279-84)
Week 2 REVOLUTION

3/2 (1) MEXICAN REVOLUTION: MILITARY PHASE (1910-1920) [92 pp.]
Mexican History, Part VIII, Ch. 26-30

(2) EXPERIENCE OF THE MILITARY PHASE [45 pp.]
Mexico Reader Magón (335-8), Cabrerra (345-50), Reed (364-71), Lewis (375-86), Pozas (387-96)
Rec: Mexico Reader, Zapata (339-43), Guzmán (351-6)

3/3 [→ 3/9] FIELDTRIP: Excursion by bus to meet with town leaders of Teotitlán del Valle

3/4 (1) MEXICAN REVOLUTION: CONSTRUCTION PHASE (1920-1940) [62 pp.]
Mexican History, Part IX, Ch. 31-34
Mexico Reader, Anonymous (411-7), Constitution (398-402), Calles (421-5),

(2) EXPERIENCE OF THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE [34 pp.]
Mexico Reader, Evans (403-405), Joseph/Wells (428-38), Lemus (439-44), Benítez (445-50),
Daniels (452-5), Anguiano (456-60)

3/5 (1) FORGING MEXICAN IDENTITIES [69]
Mexico Reader, Paz (20-27), Batalla (28-32), Bartra (33-40), Guillermoprieto (41-52),
Jiménez/Sánchez (53-54), Rubenstein (570-5)

(2) ART DURING AND AFTER THE REVOLUTION [58]
Mexican History, Part VII, Plates (no pagination)
Mexico Reader, A Photo Essay (297-331), Sisqueiros (492-499)
Student presentations.

Week 3 POSTREVOLUTIONARY AND MODERN MEXICO (after 1940)

3/9 (1) SINGLE PARTY RULE AND NEOLIBERALISM [78]
Mexican History, Part X, Ch. 36-38
Rec: Mexican History, Part X, Ch. 35

(2) THE POLITICS OF RECOGNITION [36]
Rec: Allyson Benton (2011). The Origins of Mexico's Municipal Usos y Costumbres Regimes:
Supporting Local Political Participation or Local Authoritarian Control? Documentos de Trabajo del CIDE 226: 1-11 & 19-20

Rec: José Antonio Aguilar Rivera (2009). El fracaso multicultural de Oaxaca. Nexos (1 Feb.): 1-5.
Rec: Sam Quinones (2012). Bonds of tradition are a financial bind for Oaxacan migrants. Los Angeles Times (20 November): 1-3

3/9 AFTERNOON FIELDTRIP: Excursion by bus to meet with town leaders of Teotitlán del Valle

3/10 FIELDTRIP: Excursion on foot to Asamblea de Artistas Revolucionarios de Oaxaca

3/11 (1) SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PROTEST MOVEMENTS [60]
Mexico Reader, Poniatowska (555-69), Victim’s (579-90), Gyves/COCEI (619-24), EZLN (638-45), Peres (655-69), Williams (670-83), Cornelius (684-6)
Lynn Stephen (2007). “We are brown, we are short, we are fat...We are the face of Oaxaca”: Women Leaders in the Oaxaca Rebellion. Socialism and Democracy 21/2: 1-15.
Rec: Mexico Reader, Sackett (500-10) Acapulco,
Rec: Christine A. Kray (2006), Resistance to What? How?: Stalled social movements in Cancun, City and Society 18/1: 66-89

(2) INDIGENOUS REVIVITALIZATION MOVEMENTS [70]
Ronald Loewe (2010). Maya or Mestizo: Nationalism, Modernity, and its Discontents (Toronto: University of Toronto Press), Ch. 3: 59-78.

3/12 (1) BORDERLANDS: MIGRATION, MAQUILADORAS, AND NARCOTICS [76]
Mexico History, Part X, Ch. 39-40
Mexico Reader, Langewiesche (698-707), Urrea (708-16), Hellman (717-27)
Rec: Mexico Reader, Weissman (734-46)

(2) CRISES OF CORRUPTION [52]
Sarah Luna (2010), Getting Away with Murder: Sovereignty, Subjectivity, and the (Social) Space of Mexican Border Cities, manuscript, pp. 1-36