



# EXTENDED CAMPUS

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## **PSC 5683-102: Politics of Latin America**

### **Course Description:**

Despite its geopolitical and economic importance for the United States and our deep historic ties marked by frequent intervention, Latin America rarely receives sustained attention by U.S. policy-makers. Yet Latin America has been the source of more U.S. oil imports than the Persian Gulf, we trade as much with Latin America as with the European Union, and we export twice as much to Mexico as we do to China. Latin America is the primary source for the illicit flow of labor and drugs into the United States as well as the location of significant enduring insurgencies. We ignore Latin America at our peril.

This course proceeds along two tracks, thematic and country-focused. The first track consists of a thematic overview of Latin American geography, history, politics, military, rebellion, economy, international relations, religion, gender, and ethnic identity. The second track deepens these themes through a closer analysis of politics in specific countries, including Mexico, Brazil, Chile, and Venezuela

### **Class Dates, Location and Hours:**

Dates: September 13 – 15 and 20 – 22, 2019  
Location: College of Allied Health, OU Health Sciences Center, 1200 N. Stonewall, Oklahoma City, OK 73117-1215  
Hours: Friday 5:30-9:30 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday 1:00-5:00 p.m.  
Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: August 15, 2019

### **Site Director:**

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### **Professor Contact Information:**

Course Professor: Charles D. Kenney, Ph.D.  
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Professor availability: The professor will be available via email to students before and after the class sessions. On-site office hours are half an hour before and after each class session, by appointment.

### **Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:**

Student materials are available at the OU Bookstore Website at <https://ou.textbookx.com/institutional/index.php>. There is no longer a physical bookstore, the store will remain, but textbooks will not be stocked. The website has book selling, renting, buying, returning, and order tracking capabilities. If you need help with an order, or if you have any questions contact the toll-free phone at 1-(855)-790-6637, agents are available from 9a – 5p (EST) Monday – Friday. For more information or questions about textbooks, feel free to contact [apsyllabi@ou.edu](mailto:apsyllabi@ou.edu). Text prices are available online

1. Skidmore, T.E., Smith, P.H., & Green, J.N. (2014). *Modern Latin America* (8<sup>th</sup> ed.). New York: Oxford University Press. ISBN 9780199929238.
2. Materials posted on the OU Canvas learning management system: Access Canvas at <https://oklahoma.instructure.com/>, enter your OU NetID and password, and select course to access material. Please contact your local Site Director if you require assistance.

**Course Objectives:**

The objectives of this course are:

- To introduce the student to the study of politics of Latin America;
- To develop in the student the conceptual tools to apply this knowledge to new problems and cases.

**Assignments, Grading and Due Dates:**

**Pre-class Assignment: (30%)**

This class requires a significant amount of pre-class reading and a substantial writing assignment that must be completed before the first class meeting. Students will need to reserve time in the weeks leading up to the first day of class to complete this assignment.

The pre-class reading and writing assignments will be available at the Canvas site for this course approximately one month before the first class meeting. If you cannot access the Canvas site, contact the instructor at [ckennedy@ou.edu](mailto:ckennedy@ou.edu) to receive the assignment. It is the student’s responsibility to obtain and complete the assignment before the first class meeting.

It is essential in this class that you follow the citation and documentation requirements set out in the assignment. Failure to cite the sources of all information used and failure to identify all directly quoted text as such in plagiarism and may lead to sanctions. See the writing assignment instructions and

<http://integrity.ou.edu> for more detailed information about avoiding plagiarism. Note that for this class, you must provide page numbers for all references to both paraphrased information and direct quotes.

The completed pre-class writing assignment is due in the Canvas drop-box by midnight on the Sunday before the first class meeting. Late papers may receive a one-letter grade deduction for each day late.

**Final Exam/Paper: (40%)**

You will be asked to write a paper that will be due in the Canvas drop-box on Sunday at midnight three weeks after our last class meeting. The specific exam question and assignment will be given at the end of the class. As with the pre-class assignment, it is essential that you avoid sanctions for plagiarism by citing the source of all information and ideas used and by identifying all directly quoted text as such.

**Grading:**

This is a letter-graded course: A, B, C, D, or F.

Assignment	Due Date	Percent of Grade
Pre-class assignment	Sunday before first class meeting	30 %
Participation and Attendance	During class sessions	30%
Final Paper	<b>October 13, 2019</b>	40%

**Notice:** Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.

## **POLICIES AND NOTICES**

### **Attendance/Grade Policy**

Attendance and participation in interaction, individual assignments, group exercises, simulations, role playing, etc. are valuable aspects of any course because much of the learning comes from discussions in class with other students. It is expected that you attend all classes and be on time except for excused emergencies.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. It is the policy of the University to excuse absences of students that result from religious observances and to provide without penalty for the rescheduling of examinations and additional required class work that may fall on religious holidays. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution's policy regarding "I" (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy. Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any "I" (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on "financial aid probation." If the "I" grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student's Financial Aid may be suspended making the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

### **Academic Integrity and Student Conduct**

Academic integrity means honesty and responsibility in scholarship. Academic assignments exist to help students learn; grades exist to show how fully this goal is attained. Therefore all work and all grades should result from the student's own understanding and effort.

Academic misconduct is any act which improperly affects the evaluation of a student's academic performance or achievement. Misconduct occurs when the student either knows or reasonably should know that the act constitutes misconduct. Academic misconduct includes: cheating and using unauthorized materials on examinations and other assignments; improper collaboration, submitting the same assignment for different classes (self-plagiarism); fabrication, forgery, alteration of documents, lying, etc...in order to obtain an academic advantage; assisting others in academic misconduct; attempting to commit academic misconduct; destruction of property, hacking, etc...; intimidation and interference with integrity process; and plagiarism. All students should review the Student's Guide to Academic Integrity at [http://integrity.ou.edu/students\\_guide.html](http://integrity.ou.edu/students_guide.html)

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. All students should review policies regarding student conduct at <http://studentconduct.ou.edu/>

### **Accommodation Statement**

The University of Oklahoma is committed to making its activities as accessible as possible. For accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact your local OU Site Director.

### **Adjustment for Pregnancy/Childbirth-Related Issues**

Should you need modifications or adjustments to your course requirements because of documented pregnancy-related or childbirth-related issues, please contact me as soon as possible to discuss. Generally, modifications will be made where medically necessary and similar in scope to accommodations based on temporary disability. Please see <http://www.ou.edu/content/eoo/faqs/pregnancy-faqs.html>.

## **Title IX Resources**

For any concerns regarding gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, stalking, or intimate partner violence, the University offers a variety of resources, including advocates on-call 24/7, counseling services, mutual no-contact orders, scheduling adjustments, and disciplinary sanctions against the perpetrator. Please contact the Sexual Misconduct Office at [smo@ou.edu](mailto:smo@ou.edu) or (405) 325-2215 (8-5), or the Sexual Assault Response Team at (405) 615 -0013 (24/7) to report an incident. To learn more about Title IX, please visit the Institutional Equity Office's website at <http://www.ou.edu/content/eoo.html>

## **Course Policies**

Advanced Programs policy is to order books in paperback if available. Courses, dates, and professors are subject to change. Please check with your OU Site Director. Students should retain a copy of any assignments that are mailed to the professor for the course. Advanced Programs does not provide duplicating services or office supplies.

Any and all course materials, syllabus, lessons, lectures, etc. are the property of professor teaching the course and the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma and are protected under applicable copyright.

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## INSTRUCTOR VITA

Charles D. Kenney, Ph.D.

### Education

- 1998 Ph.D., Political Science, University of Notre Dame
- 1996 M.A., Political Science, University of Notre Dame
- 1980 B.A., Philosophy, University of Notre Dame

### Current Positions

- Advanced Programs Professor since 1998
- Associate Professor of Comparative and Latin American Politics, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

### Frequently Taught Advanced Programs Courses

- PSC 5683 Latin American Politics
- PSC 5653 Democracies & Democratization

### Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest

- Comparative politics, democratization, democratic theory
- Regime change, democratic breakdown, transitions from authoritarian rule
- Political violence, revolution, terrorism, guerrilla warfare
- Political institutions, constitutional design, parties and party systems, elections and electoral systems, presidentialism and parliamentarism
- Latin American politics, Latin American international relations, politics in developing countries
- Political philosophy: ancient, modern, and contemporary; the American Founding

### Representative Publications and Presentations

- Kenney, Charles D. (2008). "Peru, Constitutions." *Encyclopedia of Latin American History and Culture*. Eds. Erick Langer and Jay Kinsbruner. Vol. 5. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Detroit: Charles Scribner Sons, pp. 192-193.
- Kenney, Charles D. (2008). "Polyarchy." *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*. William A. Darity, Jr., ed. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, pp. 365-367.
- Fujimori's Coup and the Breakdown of Democracy in Latin America. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, (2004).
- "The Death and Rebirth of a Party System, Peru 1978-2001." *Comparative Political Studies* 36.10 (2003): 1210-39.
- "Horizontal accountability: concepts and conflicts." in *Democratic Accountability in Latin America*. Eds., Scott Mainwaring and Christopher Welna. New York: Oxford University Press (2003). 55-76.
- "Outsider and anti-party politicians in power: New conceptual strategies and empirical evidence from Peru." *Party Politics*, 4.1 (1998): 57-75.

### Representative Honors and Awards Received

Dr. Kenney lived in Peru from 1978-79 and 1984-1991, was a Fulbright Fellow at the Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru in 2000, and is the past chair of the Peru Section of the Latin American Studies Association. He was a member of the Latin American Studies Association delegation of international electoral observers for the 2000 Peruvian elections and the National Democratic Institute and Carter Center joint international mission in 2001. Dr. Kenney won the 2006 Kinney-Sugg award as the Outstanding Professor in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Oklahoma.

### Major Professional Affiliations

- American Political Science Association
- Latin American Studies Association