

College of Continuing Education

The University of Oklahoma

Advanced Programs

Course Title:

Politics in Latin America

Course Number:

PSC 5683-301

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: February 26 - March 4, 2017

Location: Hangar 2, Room 202, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

Hours: Sunday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Monday - Friday 6:00-10:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: January 28, 2017

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 e-mail to students before and after the class sessions. On-site office hours are half an hour before and after each class session, or by appointment.

Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:

Student materials are available at the OU Follett Bookstore located at 1185 Asp Avenue; Norman, OK, and can be ordered online, by phone, by email, or by fax. Ordering online at <http://www.bkstr.com/oklahomastore/home> is strongly recommended – students can track the status of their order within 48 hours. If an order has not been shipped within three days, students can contact the Follett textbook manager by phone (405) 325-3511, (800) 522-0772 (toll-free) or email 0831mgr@fheg.follett.com. Phone orders (ask for the textbook manager and identify yourself as an Advanced Programs student) can be placed 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

on Friday; 10 a.m. to 4p.m. on Saturday (CST). Summer hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (CST). Fax orders can be placed 24 hours a day at (405) 325-7770. Text prices are available online.

1. Skidmore, T.E., Smith, P.H., & Green, J.N. (2014). *Modern Latin America* (8th ed.). New York: Oxford University Press. ISBN 9780199929238.
2. Materials posted on the OU Desire to Learn (D2L) system: Access D2L at <http://learn.ou.edu>; enter your OU NetID and password, and select course to access material. Please contact your local Site Director if you require assistance.

Note: Follett is the Advanced Programs contractual textbook provider. Should text changes become necessary after publication of the course syllabus, Advanced Programs will facilitate text returns/refunds only for texts purchased through Follett.

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 D2L site for this course approximately one month before the first class meeting. If you cannot access the D2L site, contact the instructor at ckenney@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 D2L 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 D2L 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	March 25, 2017	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.

Campus Map and Parking Information: A map of the campus can be found on the OU website at: <http://www.ou.edu/map/>. The entire campus is open for parking from Friday at 4:00 pm until Monday at 7:00 am. Students can park almost anywhere on campus including the parking garages, permits are not required and meters don't have to be paid. OUPD will ticket illegal parking such as fire lanes, handicap areas and yellow curbs.

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. 2nd ed. Detroit: Charles Scribner Sons, pp. 192-193.
- Kenney, Charles D. (2008). "Polyarchy." *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*. William A. Darity, Jr., ed. 2nd 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