

**Latin America-US Relations**  
POLS 3810

Spring 2018  
Mon/Wed, 2:10 pm - 3:25 pm  
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to class discussions through comments, questions, criticisms, and analysis of the assigned readings. In assigning grades, quality of participation will take precedence over quantity of participation (hence, the student who participates frequently but without giving much thought to his/her comments/questions is not at an advantage compared to the student who offers occasional but insightful analysis and questions).

Final letter grades will be assigned

expulsion from the University. I encourage you to view official University policy on matters of academic integrity at: <http://www.slu.edu/x12657.xml>

### Course schedule:

January 17- Introduction and syllabus.

January 22- Getting up to speed: Major issues in contemporary US-Latin America relations.

\**Neighborly Adversaries*, Ch. 1

\**Qatar's New Role in the Middle East*, *Bloomberg* (12/18/2017)

January 24- The politics of perceptions.

\**Neighborly Adversaries*, Ch. 2-5

January 29- The roots of US policy in Latin America.

\**Neighborly Adversaries*, Ch. 6-9

January 31- Dgeq o kpi "c" ð i qqf "pgki j dqtö

**\*MAP QUIZ AT BEGINNING OF CLASS**

\**Neighborly Adversaries*, Ch. 10-13

February 5- The Cold War warms up.

\**Neighborly Adversaries*, Ch. 14-17

February 7- Confronting Castro in Cuba

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February 12- The Alliance for Progress: Economic development and anti-Communism

\**Neighborly Adversaries*, Ch. 18.

February 14- Nicaragua: Revolution redux?

\*Reading TBA

February 19- Beans and bullets: Fighting the Cold War

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*When States Kill: Latin America, the US, and Technologies of Terror* (2005), pp. 28-58.

February 21- Promoting security or training assassins (or both)?

\*Film: *Hidden in Plain Sight*

February 26- Emerging Issues in Post-Cold War Latin America-US Relations

\**Neighborly Adversaries*, Ch. 19-20.

February 28- Review for Midterm

March 5- **MIDTERM EXAM**

\*\*\*\*\***SPRING BREAK**\*\*\*\*\*

March 19- Re-thinking US-Latin America Relations in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

\**Neighborly Adversaries*, Ch. 21

March 21- Economic crisis and reform.

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*Latin American Adjustment: How Much Has Happened?* Washington, DC: Institute for  
International Economics.

March 26- Trade, globalization, and regional integration.

\*Reading TBA

March 28- Trade, globalization, and regional integration in the era of Trump

\*Reading TBA

April 4- Venezuela and the Rise of Hugo Chávez

\**Dragon in the Tropics*, Ch. 1

April 9- Populism and Democracy

\* *Dragon in the Tropics*, Ch. 2-3

April 11- Venezuela and the Politics of Petroleum

\**Dragon in the Tropics*, Ch. 4

April 16- Hugo Chávez and the Challenge to US Hegemony  
\**Dragon in the Tropics*, Ch. 5-6

April 18- After Hugo: Regional Politics in a Post-Chávez Era  
\**Dragon in the Tropics*, Ch. 7-9

April 23- Current Issues in US-Latin America Relations  
\*Reading TBA  
**\*POLICY PAPER DUE**

April 25- Current Issues in US-Latin America Relations  
\*Reading TBA

April 30- Current Issues in US-Latin America Relations  
\*Reading TBA

May 2- Current Issues in US-Latin America Relations  
\*Reading TBA

May 7- Final exam

**RESEARCH PAPERS DUE ON MAY 9<sup>th</sup> BY 4:00pm.**