

## HILA 114: DICTATORSHIP IN LATIN AMERICA

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Issues: The university and contemporary technology have raised a number of issues. I am interested in them in the following order:

1. Please turn off all technology but your computers. I make the mistake now and then of leaving my phone on but turn yours off. Unlike you, I never get any calls.
2. If you are ill, do not come into office hours. (Thursday, 1-3pm) I don't handle illness as well as I used to. Please email through the website. ([webct.ucsd.edu](http://webct.ucsd.edu)).
3. My colleagues and the university are extremely concerned with plagiarism. This is the copying of other peoples' work and presenting it as your own. Other related issues include having someone else do your work. As a result of recent changes in university rules, I now have to report any suspicion of such behavior to the dean of students of your college. Please don't waste my time with this sort of ....

### Course

This is a course on authoritarian governments in Latin America. The course will discuss such topics as the evolution of authority within Latin American governments, various forms of dictatorship, the economic and social bases of dictators, and the fact that Latin American dictators are not unusual either in the region or on this planet.

### Course Requirements and Grades

The course will have the following requirements:

1. Three papers, the first two papers should build to the final paper.
  - a. The first paper will be due Tuesday of Week IV, 3 pages. 15 per cent.
  - b. The second paper will be due Thursday of Week VII, 6 pages. 25 per cent.
  - c. The third paper will be due at the time and date of the final exam as listed on the class schedule. 10 pages. 40 per cent.
2. Discussion. This will count 20 per cent of your grade if I can find a TA and a reader for this class. It can be fulfilled in the following ways.
  - a. A presentation. You may, including with a partner, give a presentation on any of the following: a description of dealing with authority in Latin America, an examination of any specific event during a dictatorship, an examination of any oppressed group in Latin America, or any related issue. Total, up to 20 per cent.
  - b. Answering in four or five lines a series of questions posted on the website. Each discussion topic will be listed by week and worth 10 points a week.

- c. Raising a question or issue in class. Worth 10 points a card.
- d. Going to TA sections. Worth 10 points a session.
- e. 100 points equals an A on this portion of the grade.

Books: All the books are on reserve at the Geisel Library and/or on sale at Groundwork Books. Machiavelli's The Prince is an e-book on line (free) and on the website. You are expected to use at least five books from the assigned reading in this course. You will receive extra credit for using Machiavelli. You may use other texts with my approval but not instead of the assigned works.

Required Books:

1. Ronald Wintrobe, *The Political Economy of Dictatorship* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998) ISBN-13: 978-0-521-79449-7. PB.
2. Hugh M. Hamill, ed., *Caudillos: Dictators of Latin America* (Norman: U. of Oklahoma, 1992) ISBN: 0-8061-2428-8. PB
3. John Lynch, *Simon Bolivar: A Life* (New Haven: Yale, 2006) ISBN: 0-300-11062-6

Read two of the following three works (4-6):

4. Richard Lee Turits, *Foundations of Despotism: Peasants, the Trujillo Regime and Modernity in Dominican History* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2003) ISBN: 0-8047-4353-3
5. Heraldo Muñoz, *The Dictator's Shadow: Life under Augusto Pinochet* (New York: Basic Books, 2008) ISBN: 978-0-465-00250-4. Hardcover.
6. Miguel Angel Asturias, *The President* (Waveland Press, 1997) ISBN: 978-0881339512. PB.
7. Machiavelli, *The Prince* (for an additional half grade)

Lectures:

Week 1: Dictators, a general discussion

Read: Wintrobe, Chaps. 1-5. Good week to read Machiavelli.

Week 2: The Origins of Authority in Latin America

A. The Structures of Authority in Colony and Nations

B. Independence, War and Authority

Read: Wintrobe, Chaps. 6-7, you may read chapters on apartheid and communism if you are interested. Lynch, Chaps. 1-6.

Week 3: Republics and Constitutional Exceptions

A. What is a Republic?

B. Caudillos and Caudillaje

Read: Lynch, Chaps. 7-12; Hamill, Part 1.

**Turn in First Paper on Tuesday of Week IV.**

Week 4: Regionalism, Federalism, and Dictatorship

- A. Race, Liberalism, and Dictators
- B. Liberal Authoritarian Regimes

Read: Wintrobe, Chap. 11; Hamill, Part 2.

Week 5: Modernizing Dictators

- A. The Need for Hygiene
- B. What is a Conservative Dictatorship?

Read: Wintrobe, rest of book; Angel Asturias, entire book.

Week 6: Populism and Authority

- A. The United States and Latin American Populism
- B. The Origins of Populist Dictators

Read: Hamill, Part 3.

**SECOND PAPER DUE ON THURSDAY OF WEEK 7.**

Week 7: The Age of Authoritarian Regimes

- A. The Brazilian Model
- B. Fidel Castro and the Failure of Communism

Read: Turits, chaps. 1-4.

Week 8: Dictatorship and Capitalism

- A. The Pinochet Regime
- B. Why did dictatorships decline?

Read: Turits, rest of book; Muñoz, Chap. 1-5.

Week 9: The Aftermath of Dictatorships

- A. Human Rights and Justice
- B. The Success of Capitalist Authority

Read: Muñoz, rest of book.

Week 10: Can Dictatorial Authority be Revived?

- A. The Military in Latin America
- B. Review