



**History 185: Latin American History, Fall 2015**  
**# 5224 A, Monday – Friday, 9:30 – 10:20 am, D 274C**

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**Course Outcomes**

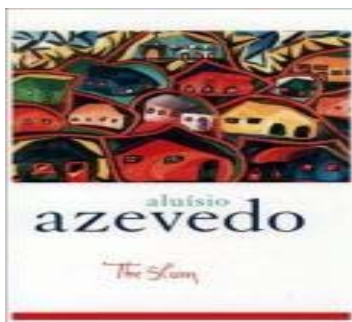
This course is a survey of the social history, political development, and cultural contributions of Latin America. Topics include ancient indigenous civilizations of Central and South America, Spanish and Portuguese colonization, revolutions for independence, and patterns of migration and globalization in the modern era. It may be used as either social science or humanities credit at Bellevue College.

**How Outcomes will be met**

Course outcomes will be met through the following assessments: completing a final research paper, 1 in-class essay, 1 news report, leading and participating in discussion sessions, in-class activities, and 2 in-class exams.

**Course Textbooks**

Most of our required readings are available as free .pdf files on our Canvas website. One book is available at our BC bookstore and at online book vendors.



Aluisio Azevedo, *The Slum*  
ISBN = 9780195121872

## Grading & Due Dates

### **Midterm Exam = DUE on Tuesday 11/3 = 50 points**

This exam will consist of one essay question written in a Blue Book.

### **Final Exam = DUE on Tuesday 12/8 = 50 points**

This exam will consist of one essay question written in a Blue Book.

### **In-Class Activities = DUE throughout the quarter = 60 points**

Twelve 5-point assignments will be completed this quarter. They include one map quiz, one Canvas Scavenger Hunt quiz, pop quizzes, and responses to primary source writings from Latin America.

Activity # 1, Canvas Scavenger Hunt Quiz = Friday 9/25 at 11:59 p.m. on Canvas

Activity # 2, Map Quiz = Tuesday 9/29 in class

Activity # 3, The Marketplace of Tenochtitlàn = Wednesday 10/7

Activity # 4, The Evils of Cochineal = Wednesday 10/14

Activity # 5, Beatriz Padilla = Wednesday 10/21

Activity # 6, The Devil's Miner = Monday 10/26

Activity # 7, Balseros = Thursday 11/19

Activity # 8, Mexican Revolution Art = Tuesday 12/1

Pop Quiz # 9 = Surprise date

Pop Quiz # 10 = Surprise date

Pop Quiz # 11 = Surprise date

Pop Quiz # 12 = Surprise date

### **Leading Discussion = 20 points**

Students will be assigned a selection from one of the class readings. They will lead class discussion by preparing questions and managing the group's comments.

### **Discussion Participation = 20 points**

Students will be expected to provide insightful commentary during the discussion sessions led by their classmates. 9 discussions will be held in class.

### **"Latin America in the News" Report = Thursday 10/15 at 11:59 p.m. on Canvas = 50 points**

Students will research a current event in Latin America by locating a newspaper article, writing a report, and sharing the incident with the class in a 15 minute presentation.

### **In-Class Essay = Monday 11/16 = 50 points**

In this Blue Book in-class essay exam, students will answer a prompt question about *The Slum* by Aluisio Azevedo.

### **Final Research Paper = 100 points**

Research Paper Prospectus = Due Monday 10/5 at 11:59 p.m. on Canvas

Annotated Bibliography = Due Monday 10/19 at 11:59 p.m. on Canvas

Rough Draft Feedback Session = In-Class on Monday 11/30

Final Paper = Due Final Exam Day on Tuesday 12/8  
Presentation of Research Findings = Due Thursday 12/3

### **Extra Credit = Due Friday 12/4**

Extra Credit can be earned by writing a Reaction Paper after attending a campus lecture or scholarly event. This paper must be written in a narrative format and a minimum of 500 words in length.

### **Classroom Rules**

- 1) Laptops ARE NOT allowed in class.** On a case-by-case basis, I will approve the use of technology when documentation of special necessity is provided.
- 2) Texting IS NOT allowed in class.**
- 3) Late Policy:** You will have **"2 Free Late Passes"** during the quarter. When necessary, you may submit 2 assignments late. You must contact your Professor within 24 hours and you have 3 days to complete your work. No other late work will be accepted.
- 4) Tardiness:** We will follow the **"5 Minute Rule."** Your presence is required within the first 5 minutes of class. If you are not in your seat, you will not be allowed in class.

### **Final Exam Schedule**

Our Final Exam will only cover material from the second half of the course, and will take place in our classroom on Tuesday 12/8 from 9:30 – 11:20 a.m.

### **Bellevue College Inclusion Statement**

Bellevue College is committed to maintaining an environment in which every member of the campus community feels welcome to participate in the life of the college, free from harassment and discrimination. We value our different backgrounds at Bellevue College, and students, faculty, staff members, and administrators are to treat one another with dignity and respect. For more information, visit <http://bellevuecollege.edu/about/goals/inclusion.asp>

### **Class Website**

Power Points from lectures & all assignment instructions are available on our class website. Our class website is found at <http://bellevuecollege.edu/canvas> . BC offers computer and learning labs. Find current campus locations for all student labs at <http://ac.bcc.ctc.edu/LabsInfo/ComputerLabs.aspx>

### **Disability Resource Center (DRC)**

The Disability Resource Center serves students with a wide array of learning challenges and disabilities. If you are a student who has a disability or learning challenge for which you have documentation or have seen someone for treatment and if you feel you may need accommodations in order to be successful in college, please contact the DRC as soon as possible. The DRC office is located in B 132, 425.564.2498.

Hearing impaired students can access a video phone at 425-440-2025 or by TTY at 425-564-4110. Visit [www.bellevuecollege.edu/drc](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/drc) for application information into the DRC program.

### What is My Course Grade?

- Step 1: Check Canvas to see your scores.
- Step 2: Add any extra credit points.
- Step 3: Compare your total score with the grade rubric.

A	(100 – 93%)	400 – 372 points	C	(< 77 – 73%)	307 – 292 points
A-	(< 93 – 90%)	371 – 360 points	C -	(< 73 – 70%)	291 – 280 points
B+	(< 90 – 87%)	359 – 348 points	D+	(< 70 – 67%)	279 – 268 points
B	(< 87 – 83%)	347 – 332 points	D	(< 67 – 63%)	267 – 252 points
B-	(< 83 – 80%)	331 – 320 points	D -	(< 63 – 60%)	251 – 240 points
C+	(< 80 – 77%)	319 – 308 points	F	(< 60%)	239 – 0 points

### Course Calendar

This is a tentative schedule and is subject to change.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
9/21 Introduction	9/22 Periods of Latin American History & The Olmecs	9/23 The Maya	9/24 Ancient Andeans & the Inca	9/25 <i>Mayan Creation Story, Popol Vuh</i>  <b>Canvas Scavenger Hunt Quiz Due at 11:59 p.m.</b>
9/28 Aztecs	9/29 Aztec Human Sacrifice  <b>Map Quiz</b>	9/30 Library Research Workshop—Room D 240-L on 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor of library	10/1 Spain	10/2 <i>Spanish Inquisition Trial Records Discussion</i>

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
10/5 Columbus & the Caribbean  <b>Prospectus Due on Canvas at 11:59 p.m.</b>	10/6 Cortes & the Conquest of Mexico	10/7 <i>Primary Source: The Marketplace of Tenochtitlàn</i>	10/8 Conquest of Peru & Brazil	10/9 <i>"3 Interpretations of Conquest" Discussion</i>
10/12 Building the Colonies	10/13 The Spiritual Conquest	10/14 <i>Primary Source: The Evils of Cochineal</i>	10/15 Latin America in the News Presentation  <b>L.A. in the News Report due at 11:59 pm on Canvas</b>	10/16 <i>Guaman Poma &amp; Fray Gante Discussion</i>
10/19 Race & the Casta System  <b>Annotated Bibliography Due on Canvas at 11:59 p.m.</b>	10/20 <b>No Class, Campus Closed</b>	10/21 <i>Primary Source: Beatriz Padilla</i>	10/22 Indian Mining in Potosì	10/23 <i>Ruth Behar, "Sexual Witchcraft" Discussion</i>
10/26 Film: The Devil's Miner & Activity # 6	10/27 Film: The Devil's Miner	10/28 Bourbon Reforms	10/29 Independence Movements	10/30 <i>Mexico's Independence Discussion</i>
11/2 Midterm Review	11/3 <b>MIDTERM</b>	11/4 Topic To Be Announced	11/5 Brazil	11/6 <i>The Slum, Part 1 Discussion</i>
11/9 Brazil	11/10 Brazil	11/11 <b>No Class, Campus Closed</b>	11/12 Cuba	11/13 <i>The Slum, Part 2 Discussion</i>

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
11/16 <b>In-Class Essay, <i>The Slum</i></b>	11/17 Cuba	11/18 Cuba	11/19 Film: Balseros & Activity # 7	11/20 <i>Mexico: Maquialdoras &amp; Immigration Discussion</i>
11/23 Film: Balseros	11/24 Mexico	11/25 Mexico	11/26 <b>No Class, Campus Closed</b>	11/27 <b>No Class, Campus Closed</b>
11/30 <b>Rough Draft Feedback Session</b>	12/1 Activity # 8: Mexican Revolution Art Murals	12/2 Mexico	12/3 Research Paper Presentations	12/4 Final Exam Review  <b>Extra Credit Reports Due</b>
12/7 <b>No Class, Campus Closed</b>	12/8 <b>Final Research Paper Due</b>  <b>Final Exam 9:30 – 11:20 a.m.</b>	12/9	12/10	12/11