

# HIST 145: HISTORY OF MEXICO

## Citrus College Course Outline of Record

Heading	Value
Effective Term:	Fall 2022
Credits:	3
Total Contact Hours:	54
Lecture Hours :	54
Lab Hours:	0
Hours Arranged:	0
Outside of Class Hours:	108
Strongly Recommended:	ENGL 101.
District General Education:	D1. History and Political Science
Transferable to CSU:	Yes
Transferable to UC:	Yes - Approved
Grading Method:	Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

## Catalog Course Description

This course will survey the history of Mexico from the pre-Columbian period through the Conquest, the struggle for independence, the Revolution of 1910, and Mexico's emerging role as a developing country. There will be a special emphasis placed on the growing economic and cultural intertwining of the American and Mexican people in the twentieth century. 54 lecture hours.

## Course Objectives

- examine and evaluate how Mexico's geography has contributed to its growth and development
- assess and evaluate the social, political and economic impact of the Spanish conquest on the native populations of Mexico
- explain and analyze the issues, personalities, and political factions identified with Mexico's first Constitution (1824)
- assess the reforms of Benito Juarez in light of the expulsion of the French in 1867
- analyze the economic, social and political sacrifices associated with the modernization program of the Porfirio Diaz regime
- identify and appraise the activities of the United States in the internal affairs of Mexico
- analyze the impact of the Revolution of 1910 on the culture and life of the Mexican people

## Major Course Content

1. Pre-Columbian Mexico
  - a. Mexico's geographic setting
  - b. Pre-classic Mexico
  - c. Mexico's Golden Age
  - d. Post-classic 1000 A.D. to Conquest
  - e. Pre-Columbian cultural life
2. The Spanish Conquest
  - a. Spain at the time of the conquest
  - b. Exploration and discovery

- c. The Spanish Conquest
  - d. The fall of Tenochtitlan and the settlement of New Spain
3. The Colony of New Spain
    - a. Spain's imperial system
    - b. The colonial economy
    - c. The colonial church
    - d. Race and social status
  4. Independence and Nationhood 1810-1850
    - a. The independence movement
    - b. The wars for independence
    - c. The early Mexican Republic
    - d. Santa Ana and the centralized state
    - e. The Mexican/American War
  5. Period of Reform 1850-1876
    - a. Post-war reform
    - b. The presidency of Benito Juarez
    - c. The French intervention
    - d. The rise of Porfirio Diaz
  6. The Modernization of Mexico
    - a. The presidency of Porfirio Diaz
    - b. The process of modernization
    - c. The influence of the United States
      - i. government
      - ii. business interests
    - d. The costs of modernization
    - e. Society and culture under the Diaz regime
    - f. Assessment of the Diaz regime
  7. The Revolution of 1910 and Its Aftermath
    - a. The decline of Diaz
    - b. The Revolution of 1910
      - i. the beginnings
      - ii. second phase 1913-1916
      - iii. consolidation of power
    - c. Obregon implements the Constitution
    - d. Creation of the Partido Nacional Revolucionario
    - e. Society, culture and the arts
  8. From Revolution to Evolution: 1940-Present
    - a. Politics moves to the center
    - b. The tensions of development
    - c. Modern economic, political and social issues
    - d. Mexico faces the future

## Suggested Reading Other Than Required Textbook

There is a wealth of new information on the History of Mexico available through historical journals both in print and online. Students should be familiar with current historiography of Mexican History.

## Examples of Required Writing Assignments

Students will synthesize secondary and primary readings to present their own analysis of the history that has been presented in course meetings and assignments.

## **Examples of Outside Assignments**

Outside Assignments will consist of reading supplemental literature and presenting the thesis, prevailing argument, and source of evidence to better understand the history of Mexico.

## **Instruction Type(s)**

Lecture, Online Education Lecture

## **IGETC Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences**

4F. History