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## First Summer Session 2011

## THE CUBAN REVOLUTION AND THE UNITED STATES

During the Cold War, how did the United States allow a Communist dictatorship to be established just 90 miles off the Florida Keys?

Students in this course will investigate why the Cuban Revolution of 1959 had an impact beyond its shores, essentially transforming both Inter-American and East-West relations. At the outset, students will survey the history of Cuban-U.S. relations from the so-called Spanish American War to the Great Depression. We will next analyze the populist period in Cuba that ended up in the dictatorship of General Fulgencio Batista and how an essentially middle-class rebellion forced him from power on January 1, 1959. Then we will take a long look at the process by which Fidel Castro consolidated political power, mobilized the popular classes for revolutionary reforms, and turned to an alliance with the Soviet Union. We pay special attention to the revolution's influence on social organization, gender relations, and education. Students must also understand the relationship between popular demands, political consolidation, and Cuba's foreign policies. Finally, the class will assess how the Cuban Revolution affected U.S.-Latin American relations and why that hostility led to the Bay of Pigs Invasion and the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis. Even though Cuba is no threat to homeland security, the US maintains the embargo of this island nation to this very day.

One's final grade will consist of the following graded exercises:

- -A map assignment worth 10 % of the final grade or 100 points.
- -A mid-term exam worth 30 % of the final grade or 300 points.
- -A final exam worth 60 % of the final grade or 600 points.

The accumulation of points at the end of the semester will determine the student's final grade: i.e., 900 points or more for an A, 800 or more for a B, and so forth. Please understand that NO ONE WILL MISS AN EXAMINATION WITHOUT A PHYSICIAN'S EXCUSE. Late assignments will incur a penalty of 5 percent.

Required text (paperback) at the University Coop Bookstore

Ernesto "Che" Guevara, Reminiscences of the Cuban Revolutionary War

Required reading packet at Jenn's, 2200 Guadalupe:

Louis A. Pérez, Jr., "Cuba, 1930-1959" Jorge I. Domínguez, "Cuba after 1959" Jonathan Brown I, "The Cuba and the Sino-Soviet Dispute" Jonathan Brown II, "Cuba's Export of Revolution"

**CLASS SCHEDULE** 

| June 2<br>June 3                                   | Introduction:<br>Theory of Social Revolution                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                 |
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| THE OLD REGIME                                     |                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                 |
| June 6                                             | The Revolution of 1933 MAP ASSIGNMENT IS DUE TODAY                                                                                                                     | Pérez, 419-38                                                                                   |
| June 7<br>June 8                                   | Batista as Military Chief & President<br>The Auténticos from 1944 to 1952                                                                                              | Pérez, 438-41<br>Pérez, 441-45                                                                  |
| THE ERA OF REVOLUTIONARY VIOLENCE                  |                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                 |
| June 9<br>June 10                                  | The Bastista Dictatorship Fidel Castro and Moncada                                                                                                                     | Pérez, 445-55<br>Guevara, 9-58                                                                  |
| June 13 June 14 June 15 June 16 June 17            | The Batista Dictatorship & Formation of M26<br>Rebellion on the Plain & Batista Repression<br>In the Sierra Maestra<br>In the Sierra Maestra II<br>The Fall of Batista | Guevara, 59-102<br>Guevara, 103-153<br>Guevara, 154-188<br>Guevara, 189-220<br>Guevara, 221-272 |
| June 20                                            | MID-TERM EXAMINATION                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                 |
| THE ERA OF REVOLUTIONARY CONSOLIDATION             |                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                 |
| June 21<br>June 22<br>June 23<br>June 24           | Consolidation of Revolutionary Power<br>Economic Policies and Performance<br>Social Trends<br>Politics and Government                                                  | Domínguez, 458-69<br>Domínguez, 469-78<br>Domínguez, 478-86<br>Domínguez, 486-501               |
| June 27<br>June 28<br>June 29<br>June 30<br>July 1 | International Relations Cuba and the Socialist Bloc The Sino-Soviet Rift Chinese Hostility, Soviet Tension The Export of Revolution                                    | Domínguez, 501-08<br>Brown I, 1-10<br>Brown I, 10-19<br>Brown I, 19-26<br>Brown II, 1-10        |
| July 5<br>July 6<br>July 7                         | Unified and Simultaneous Revolutions<br>Liberation from Imperialism<br>Che in Bolivia                                                                                  | Brown II, 10-17<br>Brown II, 17-22                                                              |

Friday, July 8, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. FINAL EXAMINATION