

Georgia Institute of Technology
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HTS 3803: Modern Cuba

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Course Requirements

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| 1. Discussion | 20% |
| 2. Exams #1 and #2 | 20% and 30% |
| 3. Paper | 30% |

Discussion

This class will be run, at least part of the time, as a seminar. That means some days I will lecture, but other days we will sit down together and discuss the reading. You must come to class prepared to present your ideas and discuss the ideas of others, and your grade will be based in part on how you contribute to this process.

Exams

Exams are essay and short answer and are based on reading, lectures, and discussion.

Paper

A ten-page paper due on 12/14 based on a theme of your choice. The papers can be completed based on the already extensive assigned reading. **Note: You must turn in a hard copy to my box and have the secretary date and sign it AND EMAIL ME A COPY at john.tone@hts.gatech.edu.**

Assigned Reading

Tad Szulc, *Fidel: A Critical Portrait*
Miguel Barnet, *Biography of a Runaway Slave*
Aviva Chomsky, *The Cuba Reader*
Julio García Luis, *Cuban Revolution Reader*
Louis A. Pérez, Jr., *Cuba: Between Reform & Revolution*
*Other readings marked with an asterisk are available on electronic reserve.

Weekly Assignments

Week 1: Conquest and Early Colony, 8/22, 8/24, 8/26
Chomsky, *The Cuba Reader*, part I.
Louis A. Pérez, *Cuba: Between Reform and Revolution*, chs. 1-2.

Week 2: Colonial Society I, 8/29, 8/31, (No class on 9/2)
Pérez, chs. 3-4.
Chomsky, part II, 37-48, 49-57, 65-112.
Film: *The Cuban Cigar* (optional, scheduled on evening of 8/31)

Week 3: Colonial Society II, 9/7, 9/9
Miguel Barnet, *Biography of a Runaway Slave*, 17-156.

Week 4: Colonial Society III, 9/12, 9/14, 9/16.
Film: *The Last Supper*.

Week 5: Cuban Independence, 9/19, 9/21, 9/23
Pérez, chs. 5-6.
Chomsky, part III, 113-129.
*José Martí, *The Manifesto of Montecristi* and *Letter to Manuel Mercado*.

Week 6: The Spanish-Cuban-American War, 9/26, 9/28, 9/30
Pérez, ch. 7.
Chomsky, part III, 130-142.
Barnet, 159-208.

Week 7: The Plattist Republic, 10/3, 10/5, 10/7

Pérez, ch. 8.
Chomsky, Part IV, 143-170, 226-243.
Exam #1 on 10/7.

Week 8: Machado and Batista, 10/10, 10/12, 10/14
Pérez, ch. 9.
Chomsky, Part IV, 244-299.

Week 9: Fidel, 10/19, 10/21
Tad Szulc, *Fidel*, pp. 1-300.
Chomsky, Part IV, 300-314.

Week 10: The Revolution of 1959, 10/24, 10/26, 10/28
Szulc, pp. 301-459.
Pérez, chs. 10-11.
Julio García Luís, *Cuban Revolution Reader*, chs. 1-2.
Chomsky, Part IV, 315-332.

Week 11: Cuban Communism, 10/31, 11/2, 11/4
Szulc, pp. 463-531.
Chomsky, Part V, 333-353, 363-398.
García Luís, chs. 3-6, 12-13, 22.

Week 12: Cuba and the Cold War, 11/7, 11/9, 11/11
Szulc, pp. 532-592.
Chomsky, Part VII, 515-551, 588-594.
García Luís, chs. 8-11, 14-17, 19, 21, 26, 30, 32, 35, 37.

Week 13: Che, 11/14, 11/16, 11/18
*Che Guevara, *Guerrilla Warfare*, ch. 1.
García Luís, ch. 23.
Film: *Che*
Dinner at Las Palmeras on 11/16.

Week 14: Life under Communism, 11/21, 11/23
Pérez, ch. 12.
Chomsky, 399-442.
García Luís, chs. 25, 28-29, 31, 35-36.

Week 15: The "Special Period," 11/28, 11/30, 12/2
Chomsky, Part VIII, 595-597, 608-627, 644-649, 678-689.
García Luís, chs. 38-40.
Exam #2 on 12/2.

Week 16: Research Week, 12/5, 12/7 (No class on 12/9)
Film: *Fidel*
Paper due on 12/14.

Note: Students are expected to abide by the Georgia Tech Honor Code.