Course Information
Lecture session: Monday 10:00 – 11:30
Discussion sessions: Wednesday 08:30 – 10:00 & 10:00 – 11:30
Hours of Instruction: 60
Instruction in: English

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Descripción del curso / Course Description
This survey course studies the formation of the relationship between the U. S. and Latin America since the early days of the Wars of Independence. The period of continental state formation, the subsequent U. S. southward expansion by the turn of the century, and the transformations that occurred as a consequence of U.S. position as a world power, including the World Wars, the Cold War and its aftermath, and the current post-Cold War transition will be analyzed also. While the course will implement a comprehensive historical approach, the focus is placed on the analysis of specific moments and crises. Even when the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries are the grounds to understand the process of policy formation, the bulk of the course concentrates on the diplomatic performance in the Twentieth Century to the present. We will not only address the analysis of the major continental actors that shaped the core of the inter-American relations but also to less known actors that have impacted relations as well.

Course Requirements
Following UB policies, students need a minimum of 75% of attendance to be in good standing for the final exam. Students have to slide an electronic card every class to comply with attendance policy. Notice that classes missed for national holidays will not be recovered. No excuses will be granted for travelling. Students are expected to do close readings, participate in class. During the semester, students will do one oral presentations in pairs and write a 2-3 pagereport. Wikipedia is not an acceptable source for research. UB holds to the view that plagiarism constitutes intellectual theft and is a serious breach of acceptable conduct. Any student caught plagiarizing will immediately be given a “no credit” for all courses taken in the semester. The requirements also include a midterm and a final exam. The teaching process, through theoretical and practical activities, seeks to stimulate active and reflexive, individual and group participation through critical reading.

Grading Policy
Completion of participation and presentations 30%
Midterm exam 30%
Approval of final exam 40%
Course Content:

Unit 1: The American Revolutions (1776-1824)

Unit 2: The formation of the national States and of the intercontinental diplomatic relations (1825-1898)
The context of the European Industrial Revolution: colonialism and imperialism. Great Britain in the Americas. The formation of the U.S. foreign policy: the Monroe Doctrine, the Manifest Destiny, the territorial expansion, and the projection over Central America. The Panamerican Union as transcontinental projection.

Unit 3: The transition of the U.S. to great power (1898-1945)

Unit 4: The Cold War and the U.S. continental hegemony (1947-1990)

Unit 5: The post-Cold War transition (1991- )
Redefinition of the U.S. hegemony in Latin America. The Initiative for the Americas: global capitalism, free market, commercial integration, and recurrent economic crisis. U. S. intervention through the new inter domestic agenda: natural resources, patents, speculative capital, protectionism, migrations, narco traffic, terrorism.


**Academic Calendar**

**Week 1 / Unit 1**
Introduction: The American Revolutions (1776-1824)

Lecture session: Introduction
Langley, America and the Americas
Prelude

Discussion session: No meeting

**Week 2 / Unit 1**
Introduction: The American Revolutions (1776-1824)

Lecture session:
- Langley, America and the Americas
- Mintz & Roberts, Hollywood’s America
  - Introduction
- Whitfield, The Culture of the Cold War
  - Foreword

Discussion session: No meeting

**Week 3 / Unit 2**
The formation of the national States and of the intercontinental diplomatic relations (1825-1898)

Lecture session:
Langley, America and the Americas

Discussion session:
Tulchin, Argentina and the United States

**Week 4 / Unit 2**
The formation of the national States and of the intercontinental diplomatic relations (1825-1898)

Holiday

Discussion session:
Langley, America and the Americas

**Week 5 / Unit 3**
The transition of the U.S. to great power (1898-1945)

Lecture session:
Langley, America and the Americas

Discussion session:
Tulchin, Argentina and the United States
Mintz & Roberts, Hollywood’s America
  - Part I 1,3

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**Week 6/ Unit 3**  
The transition of the U.S. to great power (1898-1945)

Lecture session: Langley, *America and the Americas*  
Discussion session: Tulchin, *Argentina and the United States*  
Whitfield, *The Culture of the Cold War*  

**Week 7/ Unit 3**  
The transition of the U.S. to great power (1898-1945)

Lecture session: Tulchin, *Argentina and the United States*  
Discussion session: Mintz & Roberts, *Hollywood’s America*  
Whitfield, *The Culture of the Cold War*  

**Week 8**  
Review

Class make-up

Midterm exam

**Week 9/ Unit 4**  
The Cold War and the U.S. continental hegemony (1947-1990)

Holiday

Discussion session: Langley, *America and the Americas*  
Leslie Bethell, “From the Second World War to the Cold War: 1944-1954,” in Lowenthal (ed.), *Exporting Democracy*

**Week 10/ Unit 4**  
The Cold War and the U.S. continental hegemony (1947-1990)

Lecture session: Langley, *America and the Americas*  
Rabe, *Eisenhower and Latin America*  
Whitfield, *The Culture of the Cold War*  
Mintz & Roberts, *Hollywood’s America*  

Discussion session: Claudio González Chiaramonte, “Expanding Paradigms, Redesigning Frontiers,” in Ninkovich & Bu, *The Cultural Turn*

Tulchin, *Argentina and the United States*
Week 11/ Unit 11
The Cold War and the U.S. continental hegemony (1947-1990)

Lecture session: Langley, America and the Americas Chapter 9

Discussion session: Langley, America and the Americas Chapter 10
Whitfield, The Culture of the Cold War Chapter 9
Rollin, The Americanization of the Global Village Chapter 1

Week 12/ Unit 4
The Cold War and the U.S. continental hegemony (1947-1990)

Lecture session: Holiday

Mintz & Roberts, Hollywood’s America Chapter 6

Week 13/ Unit 5
The post-Cold War transition (1991-)

Lecture session: Lowenthal, Partners in Conflict Chapter 5

Discussion session: Lowenthal, Partners in Conflict Chapter 4, 6
Tulchin, Argentina and the United States Chapter 8
Mintz & Roberts, Hollywood’s America Part 5

Week 14/ Unit 5
The post-Cold War transition (1991-)

Lecture session: Lowenthal, Partners in Conflict Chapter 7

Discussion session: Tulchin, Argentina and the United States Chapter 9

Week 15
Review

Final exam and signature of Hoja de situación (attendance is mandatory)

Students holding a student visa will not be allowed to take final exams, they have to go to the 17 Floor to clear the hold.
Bibliography
Thomas Leonard, *The Panama Canal & the United States* (Claremont: Regina, 2001)
Frank Ninkovich & Liping Bu, *The Cultural Turn* (Chicago: Imprint Pub, 2001)
Demetrio Boesner, *Relaciones Internacionales de América Latina* (Caracas: N. Sociedad, 1987)