

Georgia Institute of Technology
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HTS 3069: Modern Cuba

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Course Requirements

1. Essay in class on 9/24	15%
2. Midterm on 10/8	25%
3. Paper on 11/30	30%
4. Final Exam	30%

Paper or Poster

Complete a ten-page research paper or a research poster on a topic of your choosing. You are required to use several published sources, both books and scholarly articles, but you may certainly incorporate the extensive reading already assigned.

Reading

The following are available for purchase:

Miguel Barnet, *Biography of a Runaway Slave*

Julio García Luis, *Cuban Revolution Reader: A Documentary History*

Fernando Ortiz, *Cuban Counterpoint*

Tad Szulc, *Fidel: A Critical Portrait*

John Lawrence Tone, *War and Genocide in Cuba, 1895-1898*

Additional readings marked with an asterisk will be class handouts or web assignments.

Weekly Assignments

Week 1: 8/18, 8/20

Early Colonial Cuba

Week 2: 8/25, 8/27

The Plantation

*Manuel Moreno Fraginals, *The Sugar Mill*, handout.

Film: "The Last Supper"

Week 3: 9/1, 9/3

Sugar and Tobacco

Fernando Ortiz, *Cuban Counterpoint*, 4-56, 84-93.

Film: "The Fabulous History of the Cuban Cigar"

Week 4: 9/8, 9/10

Slavery

Miguel Barnet, *Biography of a Runaway Slave*.

Week 5: 9/15, 9/17

Independence I

Tone, *War and Genocide in Cuba*.

Week 6: 9/22, 9/24

Independence II

*Docampo journal, url tba.

Week 7: 9/29, 10/1

The Republic

*The Platt Amendment: <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1901platt.html>

Week 8: 10/8 (10/6 No Class)

Examination

Week 9: 10/13, 10/15

Revolutionary Forces

Tad Szulc, *Fidel*, pp. 1-300.

Week 10: 10/20, 10/22

Victory

Szulc, pp. 301-459.

García Luis, docs. 1, 2.

Week 11: 10/27, 10/29

Revolution

Szulc, pp. 463-653.

García Luis, docs. 3, 6, 7.

Week 12: 11/3, 11/5

The United States and the Revolution

García Luis, docs. 8-11, 13-17, 19, 21.

Week 13: 11/10, 11/12

Che Guevara

García Luis, doc. 23.

Film and Discussion: "El Che"

Week 14: 11/17, 11/19

Communist Cuba

García Luis, docs. 22, 24-26, 28-31, 35.

Week 15: 11/24 (11/26 No Class)

The Special Period

García Luis, docs. 38-40.

Week 16: 12/1, 12/3

Review for Examination.

Film and Discussion: "Fidel"

Papers due in my box in Old CE on 11/30.

Final Exam

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