History 484/584
Spring 2015
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Classroom: 189 PLC

History of the Philippines

Content/Objectives: This course offers an overview of Philippine history from pre-Hispanic times to the present, with particular emphasis on the last 150 years. My major objective is to explore a few important topics in depth: the pre-Hispanic world, Spanish colonialism, Philippine nationalism, the Philippine Revolution and the Philippine-American War, U.S. imperialism, independence, the Marcos years. The focus will be on the Filipinos rather than on their colonial rulers.

As with my other history classes, I devote a considerable amount of attention to a close reading of primary sources and secondary accounts.

Format: The class will meet twice a week. Most sessions will be devoted to lectures, but there will be a number of scheduled discussions of assigned readings, one slide presentation, and one film. There will be a midterm, a 5-page paper for undergraduates (8 pages for graduate students), and a final exam.

Reading: The following books are required and are available at the U of O Bookstore:

1. Luis Francia, A History of the Philippines
2. Jose Rizal, Noli Me Tangere
3. Ruby Paredes, ed., Philippine Colonial Democracy
4. Benjamin Pimentel, Rebolusyon!

There will also be a packet of copies at the Bookstore.

Calculation of Final Grades: Midterm, 25%; Paper, 25%; Final, 30%; Class performance (including participation in class discussions), 20%. The final will not be cumulative; it will cover only those topics dealt with after the midterm. All exams will be essay tests.

Note: Graduate students will be evaluated by the same formula.

Also note: Make-ups will be given only in extraordinary circumstances. Late papers will be penalized at the rate of 2 points for every day they are late.

Papers: You will receive a separate handout concerning the paper. It will be due on or before Wed., May 27, 2015.

Tentative Schedule of Lectures, Discussions, Assignments, etc.
| Week of March 30 | Images of the Philippines; pre-Hispanic Philippines  
Reading for the week: Francia, thru p. 48; begin Scott |
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| Week of Apr. 6  | Spanish colonialism; Socioeconomic transformation (1)  
Reading for the week: Francia, thru p. 95; finish Scott |
| Week of Apr. 13 | Socioeconomic transformation (2); **Apr. 15, Discussion of Scott, Barangay  
Reading for the week: Francia, thru p. 133; begin Rizal, Noli. |
| Week of Apr. 20 | Philippine nationalism; Revolution of 1896  
Reading for the week: Paredes, 13-40; continue Noli. |
| Week of Apr. 27 | Philippine-American War; **Apr. 29, Discussion of Noli  
Reading for the week: Francia, thru p. 163; finish Noli. |
| Week of May 4   | *** Mon., May 4, Midterm (covering all lectures, discussions, and readings up to this point in the course); May 6, U.S. colonialism  
Reading for the week: Francia, thru p. 186. Also, begin working on the paper! |
| Week of May 11  | Independence movement; Commonwealth  
Reading for the week: Paredes, 1-12, 41-113. Also, work on the paper! |
| Week of May 18  | World War II; Postwar Problems  
Reading for the week: Paredes, 114-60. Also, work on the paper! |
| Week of May 25  | No class, May 25 (holiday); May 27, Marcos and martial law  
***Note: The paper is due in class on W, May 27, 2015.  
Reading for the week: Francia, 189-251; begin Pimentel book. |
| Week of June 1  | Cory and People Power; **June 3, Discussion of Pimentel's book  
Reading for the week: Francia, 251-324; finish Pimentel's book. |

**FINAL EXAM:** Thurs., June 11, 2015, 10:15 AM. (The final covers all lectures, discussions, readings, and films since the midterm.)