Latin American Studies Courses for Intersession and Spring 2015

**Intersession 2015**

**SPAN 295 Contemporary Mexican Culture and Language (CF, D), Y. Silva**
(Prerequisite: SPAN 211 or higher) An intersession travel course to Puebla, Mexico; 3 credits in Humanities (foreign language area), 3 credits in the social sciences (political science area), and cultural diversity credit. Team taught by University faculty from the departments of Languages and Political Science with assistance from Mexican faculty at IBERO. (Also listed as PS 295.)

**Spring 2015**

**HIST 126 Modern Latin America (CH, D), L. Penyak, TR 8:30-9:45 and TR 10:00-11:15**
An introduction to modern Latin American history: the Latin American republics, with emphasis on the themes of nation building, dictatorship, cultural identity, revolutionary movements, and inter-American relations.

**HIST 213 Gender & Family in Latin America (CH, D, W), L. Penyak, TR 1:00-2:15**
(Prerequisite: HIST 125, HIST 126, PS 219, or SPAN 203) Examines the role of gender and family in Latin America from 1521 to present. Themes of gender roles, marriage, family and licit and illicit sexuality will be highlighted. Individual units will examine machismo, marianism, relations of power and women in the workplace. Distinctions will be made according to race and class.

**Description**

**LAWS 384 ST: Working for Justice, J. Trnka, M 5:00-7:40**
This course is intended to help students think about how they might find meaningful work after graduation that allows them to live up to the ideals and values cultivated at the University of Scranton. We will critically examine the three major economic sectors—a) government, b) for-profit, and c) non-profit or NGOs (non-governmental organizations), exploring each sector’s role in social change and professions available. We will focus on case studies of social justice and change work in Latin America and on women’s issues. Students will also reflect on their studies, work, volunteer service, community-based learning, and student activities to help them discern their vocation.

**PHIL 242 Latin American Thought (P, D), K. Nordberg, MWF 2:00-2:50**
This course is a survey of the texts and ideas that help to define Latin America from pre-Conquest to the present day. There will be a special focus on the hermeneutical issue of encountering and understanding the other and the theme of philosophy being shaped by its cultural context.

**PS 295 Contemporary Mexican Culture and Language (S, D), J. Trnka, (Taught in Puebla, Mexico during Intersession but counts in Spring 2015 semester)**
An intersession travel course to Puebla, Mexico, for 3 credits in Humanities (foreign language area, intermediate and/or advanced level), 3 credits in the social sciences (political science), and cultural diversity credit. The course is team taught by University of Scranton faculty from the Departments of Foreign Languages and Political Science with assistance from Mexican faculty at IBERO. (Also listed as SPAN 295.)

**SPAN 310 Medical Spanish, J. Meilan Del Rio, MW 5:00-6:15**
(Prerequisites: SPAN 311 or equivalent) Designed for the student who plans to work in any area of health care, this course focuses on the needs and problems of Spanish-speaking patients. Students learn specialized vocabulary and improved communicative ability through conversation and composition and develop an increased awareness of health issues often of particular concern to Hispanics. Taught in Spanish. Includes activities inside and/or outside the classroom that involve Language Learning Center (language lab) resources.

**ST: 284 Human Rights in Latin America, M. Allison, MW 10:00-10:50**
This course aims to provide students with an overview of human rights issues and how they have evolved in recent Latin American political history, from the military dictatorships of the Cold War period to contemporary challenges of the twenty-first century.