Dr. Larry Estrada

Course Description

The course will follow a seminar format to review and discuss concepts presented within each of the assigned texts. Students should have read the assigned chapters for each of the sessions. This is extremely important to understand the concepts presented by speakers who will discuss such broad topics as: Mexican politics, history, muralism, environmental concerns and traditional medicine.

The sessions in Morelia will normally meet T-Th from 8:30-10:00 A.M. at an assigned location within CCL or at an appropriate coffee house. In Oaxaca, discussion sessions for the FC-310-V course will generally occur in the late afternoons or early evenings as indicated on the Oaxaca August itinerary (TBA). The format of the class will be divided into General Group Reading Sessions and Small Group Discussion Sessions. Students will be selected to act as facilitators within the small group discussion sessions.

Assigned Texts

- *The History of Mexico*, by Burton Kirkwood, Palgrave Macmillan Publishers, 2000,
- U.K. and U.S.A. (beginning)
- *True Tales from Another Mexico*, by Sam Quiñones, University of New Mexico Press, 2001, Albuquerque, N.M.

Class Assignments

All students will be required to maintain a journal of their experiences, family interactions and class presentations throughout their three week stay in Morelia and two week stay in Oaxaca. Students should maintain a minimum of three entries per week, which will be periodically reviewed by the instructor throughout the travel/internship. Each student will submit his/her entire journal to the instructor upon the culmination of the class session on August 9.

Each student will be required to turn in a 4-5 page reflection paper based on concepts and ideas presented throughout the entire five week class. Although this is not a research paper, it is anticipated that students will be able to cite specific information from each of the readings as well as ideas presented within specific class presentations and by guest lecturers and their instructors at CCL and ICO. The paper will be due on August 12.

Students are required to keep a copy of their papers that will also form the basis for their on-line evaluation through Fairhaven College that is due upon their return.

Upon our return from Mexico, during the fall or winter quarter all FC-310-V students will give a presentation on concepts learned as well as their experiences in Mexico.

Student assessment of Spanish language development will be conducted by the language instructors at CCL and ICO. These will be available to students upon their culmination of the trip and entered as part of the evaluation process for each student.

Assigned Readings
Week I (Morelia)
July 12, 2005 (Tuesday)
General Reading Group Session
Kirkwood, Chapters 1-2
Ross, Chapters 1-2

July 13, 2005 (Wednesday)
Mtg. with Discussion Leaders at CCL and general group meeting

July 14, 2005 (Thursday)
Small Group Discussion Session
Kirkwood, Chapters 3-5
Ross, Chapters 3-4

Week II (Morelia)
July 19, 2005 (Tuesday)
General Reading Group Session
Kirkwood, Chapters 6,7,8
Ross, Chapters 5-7

July 21, 2005 (Thursday)
Small Group Discussion Session
Kirkwood, Chapters 9-10
Ross, Chapters, 8-9

Week III (Morelia)
July 26, 2005 (Tuesday)
General Reading Group Session
Quiñones, pp. 1-78
Ross, Chapters 10,11

July 28, 2005 (Thursday)
Small Group Discussion Session
Quiñones, pp. 79-152
Kirkwood, Chapter 11
Ross, Chapters 12-14

Week IV (Oaxaca)
August 2, 2005 (Tuesday)
General Reading Group Session
Quiñones, 153-196
Huber and Sandstrom, Chapters 1-4

August 4, 2005 (Thursday)
Small Group Discussion Session
Ross, Chapters 15-16 (optional)
Quiñones, pp. 197-248
Otero, Chapters 1,2,3,10

Week V (Oaxaca)
August 8, 2005 (Monday)
Small group discussion sessions
Huber and Sandstrom, Chapters 5-7
Otero, Chapters 11-12

August 9, 2005 (Tuesday)

Turning in of personal updated journals

Quiñones, pp. 249-292
Otero, Chapters 13-14

August 12, 2005 (Friday)

Reflection Papers Due

General Discussion/Party and presentation of “regalitos”

August 13, 2005 (Saturday)Trip to the botanical reserve of Santa Catarina Ixtepeje and the pueblo
of El Punto or bus trip to the Pueblo of Capulalpan and the Curandera Medical Center.