**History of Portugal Syllabus**

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<th>Course Description:</th>
<th>A survey from the Roman era to the present with emphasis on the post-medieval period. Topics include the formation of Portugal, the emergence of a unified state, dynastic rivalries, the economy, overseas expansion and empire, constitutional development, the 'New State' of Salazar, the revolution of 1974, and post-revolutionary Portugal, integration in the European Union. Major emphasis will be put on political history, although social, economic and cultural aspects of Portuguese History will be presented throughout the course. There will be a special concern with the integration of Portuguese historical developments into larger frameworks of the international system.</th>
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| General Objectives: | 1. Acquisition of a critical view of the past that serves as a basis for an understanding, also critical, of the present and for the development of an informed citizenry;  
2. Understanding the relationship between the events of the present and past history;  
3. Providing a precise knowledge of subjects, events, perspectives, processes of change and continuities in a diachronic perspective;  
4. Knowledge of the basic tools of historiographical work and development of the capacity of critical approach to historical documents;  
5. Ability to communicate, orally, in one’s own language, using the terminology and technique accepted in the historiographical profession;  
6. Awareness that questions and problems posed to the historical past, and the answers obtained, change over time and with the diversification of social and political contexts.  
7. Awareness of the dynamic and unfinished nature of historical research and historiographical debate; |
| Learning Objectives: | 1. Understand the evolution of the territory that would become Portugal, during Roman, Germanic and Muslim occupation.  
2. Analyze the formation of Portugal, since the creation of the “Condado Portucalense” until the recognition of Afonso Henriques as King.  
3. Identify the most important developments in Portugal, from the Medieval Age until the “golden” age of discoveries and conquests.  
4. Understand the developments that led to the Iberian Union and, subsequently, the Restoration of Independence.  
5. Analyze the impact of Absolutism and Enlightenment in Portugal, with special emphasis on the role of Marquis of Pombal.  
6. Analyze the evolution of Portuguese Constitutional Monarchy during the 19th Century.  
7. Understand the fall of the monarchy and the rise of the Portuguese First Republic. |
8. Analyze the dictatorship of Oliveira Salazar, known as the “New State”, and the impact of the Colonial Wars in Portugal.
9. Understand the events that led to the fall of the “New State” and to the Democratic Revolution of 1974.
10. Analyze the main characteristics of Democratic Portugal, with special attention to Portuguese integration in the European Union and its impact.

**Syllabus:**
1. The Roots of a Nation.
2. The formation of Portugal.
3. Medieval Portugal.
4. Discoveries, Conquests, and Empire.
5. Iberian Union and Restoration of Independence.
6. Absolutism and Enlightenment.
7. The Liberal Revolutions.
8. Regeneration and Political Stability.
9. The Portuguese First Republic.
10. The “New State”.
11. Portuguese Colonial Wars.
14. The Europeanization of Portugal.

**Requirements:**
1. Oral presentation of article (25%): 20 minutes; dates to be determined; articles suggested by professor.
2. Written version of article review (25%): 5 pages; to be delivered on November 28, 2012.
3. Final exam (30%): in-class exam on December 5, 2012.
4. Class attendance and participation (20%).

**Bibliography:**

**Lessons and Schedule**

**Lesson 01 (Sep 12)**
**Summary:** Presentation of professor and students. Introduction to the Course. Before Portugal: the Roman experience, the Germanic kingdoms and the Muslim civilization.
Lesson 02 (Sep 19)
Summary: The formation of Portugal. Medieval Portugal.

Lesson 03 (Sep 26)
Summary: Discoveries, Conquests, and Empire.

Lesson 04 (Oct 03)
Summary: Iberian Union and Restoration of Independence.
Reading: Newitt, Malyn, Portugal in European and World History (London: Reaktion Books, 2009), pp. 82-112.

Lesson 05 (Oct 10)
Summary: Absolutism and Enlightenment.

Lesson 06 (Oct 17)
Summary: The Liberal Revolutions. Regeneration and Political Stability.

Lesson 07 (Oct 24)
Summary: The Portuguese First Republic.

Lesson 08 (Oct 31)
Summary: The “New State”.
and Europe (Berkeley: University of California, 1992), pp. 73-106.


Lesson 09 (Nov 07)
Summary: Portuguese Colonial Wars.

**Oral Presentation 7:** Reis, Bruno & Oliveira, Pedro, “Cutting Heads or Winning Hearts: Late Colonial Portuguese Counterinsurgency and the Wiriyamu Massacre of 1972”, Civil Wars, 14:1, 2012, 80-103.

Lesson 10 (Nov 14)


Lesson 11 (Nov 21)
Summary: Democratic Portugal.

**Oral Presentation 9:** Pinto, António C., “Political Purges and State Crisis in Portugal’s Transition to Democracy, 1975-76”, in Journal of Contemporary History, Vol. 43, No. 2 (Apr., 2008), pp. 305-332.

Lesson 12 (Nov 28)
Summary: The Europeanization of Portugal.


Lesson 13 (Dec 05)
Summary: In-class exam.

Lesson 14 (Dec 12)
Summary: Final comments and results of exams.