**Latino Studies Course Syllabus**

**Teacher**

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Room: 100

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Conference period: 2nd (A Days 10:00-11:35am)

Tutorials: 1st Six Weeks-Wednesday 3:30-4:15, 2nd/3rd Six Weeks-Wednesday 8am-8:30am

**Textbook and Resources:**

Coach Kub’s Weebly Page: [www.coachkub.weebly.com](http://www.coachkub.weebly.com)

**Course Description:**

This course provides opportunities for students to learn about the heritage of Latino/Latina Americans and how they shape American society.  Topics will include an examination of the historical, economic, social, and cultural contributions of people and descendants of Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. This course provides authentic academic experiences and is designed to prepare students for success in college and in their chosen careers.  Students are expected to conduct in-depth research, prepare a product of professional quality, and make presentations to appropriate audiences as part of this course.

**Materials**

* You will need the following supplies:
* Computer
* Notebook or Binder
* Pens and pencils

**Grading Procedures:**

**Daily grades** which include quizzes, problem sets, handouts and activities. **Major grades** which include exams and projects.

**Make Up Assignments**

Because of the rapid pace of the class and the complexity of the material covered, absences will make it difficult to keep up. However, in case of unavoidable absence, **YOU** are responsible for your own make-up work. This includes copying notes from missed lectures, obtaining class handouts, and making arrangements to take any missed quizzes/tests outside of class time. If you are absent on the day of an exam, you should be prepared to take it in class on the following day unless you speak with me to make other arrangements. Do not make any assumptions – TALK TO ME.

**What to Expect**

This is a semester course that is an elective. The majority of students enrolled in this class are seniors in high school and are expected to perform and behave as so. Expect at least one day a week devoted to lecture/note-taking. Various activities are planned throughout the semester to help enrich and reinforce the course objectives.

**Class Management/Rules**

1. All students will follow the rules outlined in the Student Handbook. Enforcement of these rules will be consistent and fair.

2. This course will involve a great deal of class discussion, sometimes of sensitive issues. You are expected to be mature and respectful of others and their opinions.

3. Keep your work area neat and orderly.

4. Keeping a notebook is highly recommended.

5. At the end of the class, please do not line up in front of the door.

6. Cellphone/electronic use is by teacher’s discretion only.

Remember - you will get out of this course what you put into it!

I hope you enjoy this course and this semester!