

Course Information: HIST 4365 – History of Spain and Portugal (FALL 2017)

Meets MW 1-2:20 in UH 25

Course Description: The cultural, political and economic history of the Iberian Peninsula from ancient times. The medieval epoch; the Catholic Church; the overseas empires of Spain and Portugal, and their artistic achievements. The monarchist ideal, as well as political ideologies such as liberalism, Marxism, anarchism, and fascism. ***In this course section, emphasis will be paid to Medieval Iberia (Muslim, Christian, and Jewish Iberia), the Age of Iberian Empires, and the Spanish Civil War.***

There will be a mix of lecture, discussion, film and other media, and in-class activities

Assessments:

3 take-home open note/book essay exams – (30%)

1 semester project (including prospectus, your choice of project (traditional research paper or historiographic paper or digital/multi-media presentation), and class handout about your project/findings) – (50%)

Participation in classroom activities (includes discussion, in-class activities, and participation readiness quizzes) – (20%)

Complete syllabus, including class schedule, will be available in mid-August

Required Books:

Concise History of Spain, 2nd edition by William D. Phillips and Carla Rahn Phillips (ISBN-13: 978-1107525054)

A History of Portugal and the Portuguese Empire, Vol. 1 by A.R. Disney (ISBN-13: 978-0521603973)

The Wise King: A Christian Prince, Muslim Spain, and the Birth of the Renaissance by Simon Doubleday (ISBN-13: 978-0465066995)

Conquerors: How Portugal Forged the First Global Empire by Roger Crowley (ISBN-13: 978-0812994001)

