History of the Philippines

Content: This course covers the history of the Philippines from pre-Hispanic times to the present, with particular emphasis on the last 150 years. Several topics will be explored in depth: the pre-Hispanic world, Spanish colonialism, Philippine nationalism, the Philippine Revolution and the Philippine-American War, U.S. imperialism, independence, the Marcos years. The focus will be on the Filipinos rather than on their colonial rulers.

Format: The class will meet twice a week. Most sessions will be devoted to lectures, but there will be a number of scheduled discussions of assigned readings, one slide presentation, and one film. There will be a midterm, a 5-page paper for undergraduates (8 pages for graduate students), and a final exam.

Reading: The following books are required and are available at the U of O Bookstore:

1. Luis Francia, A History of the Philippines
2. Vicente Rafael, Contracting Colonialism
3. Jose Rizal, Noli Me Tangere
4. Ruby Paredes, ed., Philippine Colonial Democracy
5. Benjamin Pimentel, Rebolusyon!

I may post one or two additional required readings on Blackboard.

Calculation of Final Grades: Midterm, 25%; Paper, 25%; Final, 30%; Class performance (including participation in class discussions), 20%. The final will not be cumulative; it will cover only those topics dealt with after the midterm. All exams will be essay tests.

Note: Graduate students will be evaluated by the same formula.

Also note: Make-ups will be given only in extraordinary circumstances. Late papers will be penalized at the rate of 2 points for every day they are late.

Papers: You will receive a separate handout concerning the paper. It will be due on or before Mon., Nov. 25, 2013.

Tentative Schedule of Lectures, Discussions, Assignments, etc.

Week of Sept. 30 Images of the Philippines; pre-Hispanic Philippines
Reading for the week: Francia, thru p. 48; begin Rafael
Week of Oct. 7  Spanish colonialism; Socioeconomic transformation (1)
Reading for the week: Francia, thru p. 95; finish Rafael.

Week of Oct. 14  Socioeconomic transformation (2); **Oct. 16, Discussion of Rafael, Contracting Colonialism
Reading for the week: Francia, thru p. 133; begin Rizal, Noli.

Week of Oct. 21  Philippine nationalism; Revolution of 1896
Reading for the week: Paredes, 13-40; continue Noli.

Week of Oct. 28  Philippine-American War; **Oct. 30, Discussion of Noli
Reading for the week: Francia, thru p. 163; finish Noli.

Week of Nov. 4  *** Mon., Nov. 4, Midterm (covering all lectures, discussions, and readings up to this point in the course); Nov. 6, U.S. colonialism
Reading for the week: Francia, thru p. 186. Also, begin working on the paper!

Week of Nov. 11  Independence movement; **No class, Nov. 13
Reading for the week: Paredes, 1-12, 41-113. Also, work on the paper!

Week of Nov. 18  Commonwealth; World War II
Reading for the week: Paredes, 114-60. Also, work on the paper!

Week of Nov. 25  Postwar Problems; Marcos and martial law
***Note: The paper is due in class on Mon., Nov. 25!!
Reading for the week: Francia, 189-251; begin Pimentel book.

Week of Dec. 2  Cory and People Power; **Dec. 4, Discussion of Pimentel’s book
Reading for the week: Francia, 251-324; finish Pimentel’s book.

FINAL EXAM: Fri. Dec. 13, 2013, 10:15. (The final covers all lectures, discussions, readings, and films since the midterm.)