LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY
RESEARCH PROCESSES

Course Description:

We will start from four assumptions. First, that the process of research is a human and personal one. Second, that the process of research is itself a political and historical one, and that applying our analytical skills to an understanding of research and writing situations helps us successfully to negotiate the challenges and pitfalls we face. Third, understand that the archive is itself a historical and human construction, in which the documents we are able to read have already been "selected" through processes of social conflict. Fourth, that the analysis of documents and other sources is both a search for information, and an exercise in textual criticism.