

Columbia University: Arts & Sciences

A&S Spring 2024 Standard Evaluation

Course: LACVUN1020_002_2024_1 - PRIM TEXTS OF LATIN AMER CIV: LACVC1020_002_2024_1_181636

Instructor: Alfonso Salgado Munoz *

Response Rate: 8/14 (57.14 %)

1 - What did you learn - in terms of knowledge, skills, or perspectives - in this course?The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.

Response Rate 0/14 (0%)

2 - What percentage of the work (including reading) assigned for this course did you complete on schedule?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
All or almost all	(1)	1	12.50%		
Most	(2)	6	75.00%		
Some	(3)	1	12.50%		
This question is not applicable	(4)	0	0.00%		
				0 25 50 100	
Response Rate					
8/14 (57.14%)					

3 - What is your overall assessment of the course? What are its strengths? In what ways might it be improved? In answering this question, you might address the value of readings and assignments, the structure of the course (including the relationship of sections to lectures), the contribution of the course to your knowledge of the subject matter and to the development of your analytical and reasoning skills, etc. We encourage you to use specific examples where possible.

Response Rate 1/14 (7.14%)

• I love the perspectives primary texts could bring. Although I would prefer to read multiple shorter texts so gain more perspectives from different historical actors. But these are classical texts that imo everybody who wants to learn about history and cultures across Latin America should know. So altogether very informative and insightful texts.

4 - What is your overall assessment of the course?The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Excellent	(5)	4	50.00%		4.38
Very Good	(4)	3	37.50%		
Good	(3)	1	12.50%		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
8/14 (57.14%)				4.38	0.74
					Median
					4.50

5 - Would you recommend this course to another student?The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Definitely recommend	(1)	5	62.50%		
Probably recommend	(2)	1	12.50%		
I'm not sure I'd recommend	(3)	2	25.00%		
Probably not recommend	(4)	0	0.00%		
Definitely not recommend	(5)	0	0.00%		
				0 25 50 100	
Response Rate					
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6 - Please qualify your recommendations if you wish:The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.

Response Rate 0/14 (0%)

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7 - How does the workload in this course compare to Columbia courses with a similar structure (e.g. a lecture, seminar, laboratory, or language course)?The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Much heavier workload	(1)	1	12.50%					
Heavier workload	(2)	4	50.00%					
Similar workload	(3)	3	37.50%					
Lighter workload	(4)	0	0.00%					
Much lighter workload	(5)	0	0.00%					
No basis for comparison	(6)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100				
				Response Rate				
				8/14 (57.14%)				

8 - How many hours a week did you devote to this course? (Note: Please include all time spent on this class including class time, discussion sections, readings, assignments, studying, etc.)The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.

Response Rate	2/14 (14.29%)
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9 - Please evaluate Alfonso Salgado Munoz. What are Alfonso Salgado Munoz's strengths? In what ways might their teaching be improved? In answering this question, you might address the clarity of the lectures or presentations and their relationship to the other elements of the course, the ability of Alfonso Salgado Munoz to generate enthusiasm and facilitate discussion, the quality of feedback, availability, the timeliness of the return assignment, etc. -

Response Rate	4/14 (28.57%)
• He is the best professor I have ever had. It's a real shame Columbia won't keep him. There are only 2 Columbia history professors (without other affiliations) teaching about Latin America next semester, and one does not have courses for undergrads. Professor Salgado is knowledgeable, formulates his thoughts clearly, and always has fresh insights into the subjects he teaches. He also responds to emails in a timely manner. I have no idea who else could replace the work he has done. • Strengths: thoughtful, good at facilitating discussion, careful to keep in mind where his students are at. He rearranged the classroom every day before class just so we could all communicate better. Improvements: Fact break in the middle of class! We always got an outline of the reading and the historical context and the author's life before we got into discussion, but I would also love to hear what the academic interpretation of the works is half way through the class!!!! Alfonso is great. Disappointed that Columbia is not renewing his contract. /:< I think there are a lot of fairly thoughtless professors at Columbia but Alfonso is not one of them. He deserves to be here. • Overall, the course was very good, and it was a pleasure to learn from Professor Salgado. The only caveat is that the exams and papers were centered on an inter-text synthesis that was not adequately discussed in class, as classes focused primarily on only the day's readings. • Alfonso is someone that I would describe as brimming with energy and enthusiasm, a trait that I found especially helpful during rising tensions on campus. He regularly checks on his students when they are available and because of this I feel I was extra motivated to do readings and engage in discussions. His grading policies are not super lenient but they are unwaveringly fair and straightforward in achieving. The one piece of criticism I might have is that the exact requirements for papers are not entirely clear through the rubric, but that is something that is easily solved by going to office hours and bringing up deeper questions about what you are writing about and what you are struggling with.	

10 - What is the overall teaching effectiveness of Alfonso Salgado Munoz? -

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Excellent	(5)	6	75.00%		4.63			
Very Good	(4)	1	12.50%					
Good	(3)	1	12.50%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
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Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
8/14 (57.14%)				4.63		0.74		5.00

11 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader) as an instructor, and how might 's teaching be improved?

Response Rate	0/14 (0%)
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12 - What is the overall teaching effectiveness of ?									
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Excellent	(5)	0	0.00%						
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Poor	(1)	0	0.00%						
				0	25	50	100	Question	
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median	
0/14 (0.00%)				0.00		0.00		0.00	