

# New Mexico History

History 2110 Section 501, Spring 2020

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## ***General Information:***

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## ***Course Description***

The primary objective of this course is to serve as an introduction to the history of New Mexico from the pre-Columbian times to the present day. The elements of this course are designed to inform students on the major events and trends that are essential in the understanding of the development of New Mexico within the context of the Americas.



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## ***Required Texts & Internet Access***

### **Required Books:**

Cabeza de Baca, Fabiola. *We Fed Them Cactus*. (University of New Mexico Press) ISBN: 9780826315038.

Hunner, Jon. *Inventing Los Alamos: The Growth of an Atomic Community* (Oklahoma, 2007) ISBN-10: 0806138912

Sanchez, Joseph P., Robert L. Spude, and Art Gomez, *New Mexico: A History* (Oklahoma, 2013) ISBN-10: 0806142561

Other readings will be posted on Blackboard or available online.

### **Reliable internet to access UNM Learn**

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## ***Learning Outcomes***

1. Students will be able to **EXPLAIN** in their work how humans in the past shaped their own unique historical moments and were shaped by those moments, and how those cultures changed over the course of the centuries for the history of New Mexico from pre-Columbian times to the present day.
  2. Students will **DISTINGUISH** between primary and secondary sources, **IDENTIFY** and **EVALUATE**
  3. Students will **SUMMARIZE** and **APPRAISE** different historical interpretations and evidence in order to **CONSTRUCT** past events.
  4. Students will **IDENTIFY** historical arguments in a variety of sources and **EXPLAIN** how they were constructed, **EVALUATING** credibility, perspective, and relevance.
  5. Students will **CREATE** well-supported historical arguments and narratives that demonstrate an awareness of audience.
  6. Students will **APPLY** historical knowledge and historical thinking **“in order to infer what drives and motivates human behavior in both past and present.”**
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## ***Consulting Your Instructor***

My goal is to assist you in developing a meaningful understanding of history and to help you achieve the highest grade you are capable of. A constructive, mutually respectful attitude in all matters will greatly facilitate this process. I will be available to discuss your questions and concerns during an appointment for either an in-person, a phone conference or online meeting. Please email me to arrange an appointment.

Email: Please note: I will not open any email (outside of UNM Learn messages) that does not show a recognizable name in the send field and this course number in the subject field. I check email daily and will respond to emails within 24 hours during the week and 48 hours on the weekend. Note also that you will not receive a grade for any paper submitted via an email attachment that does not show your name on the first page.

Regarding Online Office Hours: The best way to get in touch with me is by email, either via UNM email or in Blackboard. We can also set up a time to talk on the phone or via either Zoom, Skype or Google Chat. Contact me and I'll give you the appropriate contact information when we set up the appointment.

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## ***TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS & TECHNICAL SKILLS***

This course will be completed entirely in the online Blackboard Learn environment. Regular access to a computer and basic computer literacy skills are therefore required. Additionally, you will need internet access, basic word processing software (Microsoft Word, Open Office, etc), and Adobe Reader (to access .pdf files). The instructor WILL NOT provide tutorials or training on how to use Blackboard. There are, however, online and face to face tutorials available through UNM Learn here: <http://online.unm.edu/help/learn/students/>. These are also available within Blackboard.

Skills needed for this course include using Blackboard, using email with attachments, creating and submitting files in Word or PDF formats

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## ***ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS***

Attendance in an online environment: This is not a self-paced course. If a student does not log in and/or complete the assigned tasks for two weeks, in a row or at any two points in the course, he or she will be dropped from the course. Although the course is not self-paced, you do have the opportunity to work ahead. If you choose to do so, remember that you will need to return to the discussion board on Tuesday evenings or Wednesdays to respond to the comments of your classmates. Also, be aware that I will not grade any assignments until after the due date given in the syllabus.

You will need to plan specific blocks of time each week to dedicate to this class. To successfully complete all the work, you should plan on at least 6-8 hours each week for this course. I tell you this so that you can remember to set aside time that you will dedicate specifically to this course. It is easy to put online classes on the back burner and forget about them. Please do not do that! Devise a weekly schedule that fits your life and allows you to complete all the assignments by the time they are due each week.

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## ***Course Requirements***

### **General Organization**

This class is divided into seven two-week units plus a one-week unit at the beginning of the semester, during which you will introduce yourselves and get familiar with the course requirements, and during finals week, during which you will submit your final essay and final project.

### **Readings and Videos**

Each student is required to read the assigned chapters as well as watch any assigned videos.

### **Discussion Forums**

In addition to the introductory discussion forum there will be six forums over the assigned readings. For these discussions there are three parts to each discussion forum. When you have completed the whole forum you will have posted an initial thread responding to different prompts and posed a follow-up discussion question, responded to two of your classmates' follow-up question, and responded to a classmate who responded to your follow-up question. This discussion forum is one assignment with multiple parts; therefore, you are expected to do all of the steps listed below in order to receive credit for the forum. Your initial discussion posts are due by midnight the second Wednesday of each

unit with responses due the second Friday of each unit, and subsequent responses due by Sunday at midnight. Please read the "Discussion Board Rules" for the guidelines and expectations for discussion forums.

**Journals**

Each unit concludes with a [Journal](#) on the last Sunday of the unit. The journals are your reflections about the material covered in the units.

**Essays**

Each student will submit three essays:

- One over the analysis of primary documents related to the Mexican American War
- One over a visit to a historical site or museum
- One over the book *Inventing Los Alamos*.

Details over these essay assignments are available in Blackboard (UNM Learn).

**Other Assignments**

Each student will also complete a [final project](#) over a topic of their choosing. Detailed instructions and examples of projects from prior semesters are available in Blackboard.

**Summary of Units:**

For each unit you are required to:

1. Read the assigned chapters
2. Watch the assigned videos
3. Post on the discussion board
4. Submit your journal
5. Complete any other assignments for the unit

***Grading***

<b>The Grades for this course will be calculated as follows:</b>				
		Percent		
Assignment	% of Total	A+	99.0%	– 100.0%
		A	94.0%	– 98.9%
Discussions	25%	A-	90.0%	– 93.9%
Primary Document Essay	10%	B+	87.0%	– 89.9%
Supplemental Reader Essay	15%	B	84.0%	– 86.9%
Museum/Historical Site essay	10%	B-	80.0%	– 83.9%
Journals	15%	C+	77.0%	– 79.9%
Final Project	20%	C	72.0%	– 76.9%
Blackboard Orientation	5%	C-	70.0%	– 73.9%
	100%	D+	67.0%	– 69.9%
		D	64.0%	– 66.9%
		D	60.0%	– 63.9%

**In the event UNM closes during finals week, final grades for students will be calculated based on all work assessed up to that point in the course.**

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## **Miscellaneous Policies**

I expect that students will develop critical thinking skills through class participation. Students are expected to login regularly and submit their work on time. In addition, they are expected to display courteous behavior with respect for their instructor and fellow students and honesty in their academic and personal interactions.

**Late and Missed Assignments:** Assignments are due at the time and date specified. Late discussion posts are not allowed. For other assignments 1/3 of a letter grade for each day late will be automatically deducted off the grade you earn for the assignment. No late assignments will be accepted beyond two weeks past the assigned due date. If a serious crisis situation occurs please inform me as soon as you can so that I can work with you accordingly.

**Academic Honesty/Plagiarism:** According to University of New Mexico Policy Statement on Academic Dishonesty "Academic dishonesty" includes, but is not limited to, dishonesty in quizzes, tests, or assignments; claiming credit for work not done or done by others; hindering the academic work of other students; misrepresenting academic or professional qualifications within or without the University; and nondisclosure or misrepresentation in filling out applications or other University records. UNM policies concerning academic honesty can be found at: <http://policy.unm.edu/regents-policies/section-4/4-8.html> .

Plagiarism occurs when someone – knowingly or unknowingly – presents the words or ideas of another person as his or her own. This is a violation of UNM rules as well as the expectations for this class. Any work turned in for this class must meet UNM standards for academic honesty. Students unsure about how to apply these rules should consult with the instructor *prior to* turning in written work.

**According to the policy “Each student is expected to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity in academic and professional matters. The University reserves the right to take disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, against any student who is found guilty of academic dishonesty or who otherwise fails to meet the expected standards. Any student judged to have engaged in academic dishonesty in course work may receive a reduced or failing grade for the work in question and/or for the course.”**

As the policy applies to this course: **Anyone caught plagiarizing or cheating will receive an immediate 0 for that assignment or exam—NO EXCEPTIONS!!! Incidents of plagiarism may also be reported to the Dean of Students, at the discretion of the instructor.**

### **STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**



This course is hosted on Blackboard Learn 9.1, which is ADA compliant.

Qualified students with special learning needs are encouraged to notify the instructor at the beginning of the class about any specific assistance that may be required to support the student’s learning. It is the instructor’s intent to assist qualified students with special learning needs by making course modifications that will ensure a successful learning experience for the student.

Students are asked to contact the Access Resource Center in order for support staff to assist the instructor with course modifications.

The Access Resource Center contact information is: Phone (505) 277-3506. Their website is: <http://as2.unm.edu/>.

**Academic Freedom and Intercultural Diversity:** All students are expected to respect the opinions and diverse perspectives of others, including such factors as gender, race, nationality, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, and other relevant cultural identities. Each student is guaranteed the right to freely express his or her ideas, no matter what they are or how unpopular they are. All students are expected to maintain an atmosphere of respect and tolerance for diverse perspectives. Sexist, racist, heterosexist or other prejudicial comments will not be tolerated.

**Title IX:** In an effort to meet obligations under Title IX, UNM faculty, Teaching Assistants, and Graduate Assistants are considered “responsible employees” by the Department of Education (see pg 15 - <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/ga-201404-title-ix.pdf>). This designation requires that any report of gender discrimination which includes sexual harassment, sexual misconduct and sexual violence made to a faculty member, TA, or GA must be reported to the Title IX Coordinator at the Office of Equal Opportunity (oeo.unm.edu). For more information on the campus policy regarding sexual misconduct, see: <https://policy.unm.edu/university-policies/2000/2740.html>

### [Course Schedule](#)