This is a course about early modern Spain. It will concentrate on two key periods, the 1500s and the period 1750-1820. It will emphasize social and economic developments and the link between Spain and her empire.

There will be NO examinations as such. Each student will undertake two writing projects. In both cases I will give you a short list of possible topics to choose from. If you want to develop an alternative, write a one-paragraph prospectus for what you would like to do and we will discuss it. Each paper counts 50% of the grade. You MUST make a good faith effort on BOTH papers to get a passing grade. Details will come in class.

1. The first paper will deal with the society and culture of Spain and its empire in the sixteenth century. Your sources will be the books by Kamen and Perry and the *Two Picaresque Novels*.
2. The second paper will focus on society, imperial revival, and Spain’s version of the 18th-century’s road to European modernity. Your main sources will be the book by Ringrose (me) and chapters 9 and 10 in Kamen.

**BOOKS REQUIRED FOR THE COURSE (AVAILABLE AT GROUNDWORKS):**

OUTLINE OF CLASSROOM TOPICS AND SUGGESTED READING SCHEDULE

I. Fifteenth-Century Background and Unification of Crowns
   Kamen, ch. 1 (pp. 3-47)
   (Week 1 – January 10, 12)

II. Politics and Foreign affairs, 16th century
    Kamen, ch. 2 (pp. 48-93), ch. 4 (pp. 151-195)
    A. Ferdinand and Isabella, 1469-1516
    B. Charles I (V) and Philip II (1516-1598)
    (Week 2 – January 17, 18)

III. Society: Spaniards, Spain, and its imperial extension
     General Background: Kamen, ch. 5 (pp. 197-237)
     ch. 6 (pp. 239-283)
     (Weeks 3, 4, 5 – January 24 – February 9)
     A. Structures - Society
     B. Structures – Everyday life
        Lazarillo de Tormes (In Two Picaresque Novels), pp. 23-79
        The Swindler (in Two Picaresque Novels), pp. 83-214
     C. Tension, cohesion, public order
        Perry, Gender and Disorder in Early Modern Seville, pp. 3-180

   The first paper will be due on Tuesday, February 14

IV. Seventeenth Century Climax and Decline
    Kamen, ch. 7 (pp. 285-329)
    (Week 6 – February 14, 16)

V. Eighteenth century Recovery, Integration into Europe
   (Weeks 7-10 – February 21 – March 16)
   Background reading: Kamen, ch. 9 (pp. 381-437)
   ch. 10 (pp. 439-485)
   A. Brief Narrative
      Ringrose, Chapters 1, 2, and 12 (pp. 3-54, 313-330)
   B. Social and political structures, 18th century
      Ringrose, Chapters 7, 12, 13 (pp. 163-186, 331-388)
   C. Economic and Regional patterns
      Ringrose, Chapters 3, 8-11 (pp. 55-82, 187-312)
   D. Spain, the Atlantic world, and Europe
      Ringrose, Chapters 4-6, 15 (pp. 83-162, 389-396)
      Optional: Read Kamen, ch. 11 (pp. 487-512)

   The second paper will be due at the History Department at 3 PM on March 23, the time scheduled for the final. EARLIER SUBMISSIONS ARE ENCOURAGED.