

FW22 AP/HIST 4754 6.0A Aztec and Inca Nobles under Spanish Rule

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Expanded Course Description (expanded from course calendar description):

This course studies the indigenous elites of the former Aztec and Inca empires during the first century after the Spanish invasions. It approaches native nobles as mediators between colonial and indigenous society and as creators of new narratives and cultural practices that sought to position indigenous peoples more advantageously in the colonial context. Given that indigenous societies in Mexico and Peru had developed independently and in highly distinct ways, comparing the native elites of the two areas under colonial rule will be a constant concern. The Fall semester introduces students to the challenges and opportunities faced by indigenous lords, and in the Winter we focus on their writings. These sources present special challenges and rewards because they speak to different cultural traditions. In addition to approaching such texts as “hybrid” artifacts, we tease out the colonial indigenous worldviews embodied in them. For the course’s final assignment students complete a research project on a specific indigenous author or text.

Required Course Text/Readings:

**\*TENTATIVE\***

Colonial Latin America: A Documentary History, edited by Kenneth Mills, William B. Taylor, and Sandra Lauderdale Graham (SR Books).

Felipe Guaman Poma de Ayala, The First New Chronicle and Good Government. Abridged (David Frye translation, Hackett Publishing Company, 2006).

Weighting of Course:

**\*TENTATIVE Grade Breakdown\***

Participation: 20%

Fall Essay: 15%

Fall Paper: 25%

Research Paper: 40% (10% for oral presentation and 30% for final paper).