

The United States and Empire
050.300.01

Final Course Paper

Format:

The final course paper should be like the first two course papers: double-spaced in a 12 point font with normal margins and numbered pages, 10 of text and a bibliography page. It must have a title.

Topic:

You should select one country from those discussed in the book *Overthrow*, by Stephen Kinzer, which I have put on reserve for the course in Alexander Library. Kinzer's book is useful because it has a series of short chapters, each devoted to a particular country. Reading the chapter on the country you choose will give you an overview and general idea of the way in which the United States has intervened in that country. The only country off-limits for this paper is the Philippines, since that was the subject of your first paper. Rereading Bacevich's comment might be helpful in your selection of an approach and a thesis.

Research:

Once you have chosen a country, you will need to do research to develop your ideas. The texts you actually cite in your paper should be listed, alphabetically by author, in a bibliography at the end of your paper. Your sources should be recent and varied: don't over-rely on any one source. You should have a minimum of five sources (not counting Kinzer).

The final paper is due on April 26. If you need an extension, you must communicate with me to make arrangements.

Citing Sources in the Text:

You should use the simplest form of citation, one that avoids a lot of footnotes that do nothing but identify the source of a passage in your paper. Footnotes should be reserved for explanatory material that does not belong in the paper proper but provides further information.

Example: American interventions in the Caribbean include Haiti.¹

¹ A useful text on this history can be found in Mary A. Renda, *Taking Haiti: Military Occupation and the Culture of U.S. Imperialism, 1915-1940* (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2001).

For ordinary citations that exist to identify a source, use the following form:

Example: Chalmers Johnson observes that one reason the United States constructs military bases around the world is to provide “work and income for the military-industrial complex” (Johnson 151).

If you have used more than one book by the same author, your parenthetical citation should include a shortened form of the title.

Example: Chalmers Johnson observes that one reason the United States constructs military bases around the world is to provide “work and income for the military-industrial complex” (Johnson: *Empire* 151).