

HISTORY 190: WRITING AND HISTORY
Section 04-48778: THE CONQUEST OF MEXICO
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The Great City of Tenochtitlan, Diego Rivera, 1945, Palacio Nacional de México

History 190 varies in topic from section to section. The topic for this iteration of the course is the *Conquest of Mexico*. This history is shrouded in legend and misinterpretation that has been repeated so often that we begin to accept it as fact. As we mark the 500-year anniversary of the conquest of Mexico in 1519, it is important to understand what happened, how did it happen, and begin to grapple with the significant changes that ensued for the societies involved. The course will challenge students to consider a set of primary and secondary sources and practice analyzing them by constructing arguments in clear, correct, and formal academic prose.

History 190 satisfies the Pathways requirement for College Writing 2. Its only prerequisite is English 110. The course is not required for the history major, but it is recommended to serve as a 3-credit history elective.