MIAMI SEMESTER IN Cuban Studies

HISTORY OF CUBA (CUBA AFTER CASTRO)

DATE: 5/21/07 – 6/27/07
TIME: Monday & Wednesday, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Casa Bacardi

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On July 31st, 2006, the Cuban government officially announced that Fidel Castro had undergone emergency surgery and would “temporarily transfer” power to his brother, Raul Castro. Since the start of the Cuban Revolution in 1959, many have anticipated what Cuba would look like after Fidel Castro. This course will provide a brief overview of how Fidel Castro came to power. More importantly, it will look into the future by studying various scenarios of a Cuba under Raul Castro (succession), how long this may last, and what the future government of Cuba without Raul Castro could possibly look like (transition). The possible role the Cuban-American community could play in Cuba’s political, economic, and social future will also be examined. We will also study the lessons learned from governments in transition in Central and Eastern Europe as well as Latin America.

PROBLEMS IN FOREIGN POLICY
(US-CUBA RELATIONS)

DATE: 5/22/07 – 6/28/07
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The Cuban revolution has been a critical national security concern and a domestic political preoccupation for American presidents since Fidel Castro’s rise to power in January 1959. Cuba was a dangerous Cold War flash point and a violent revolutionary model for governments in many third world nations. Major crises including the Bay of Pigs, the Missile Crisis, other diplomatic confrontations, and the 1996 Cuban shoot down of American civilian aircraft in relations with the United States will be examined. US responses to Cuban involvements in countries around the world and the issues and dynamics of the enduring standoff in relations will be studied. American foreign policy making processes will be emphasized.

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