

Universidad de Costa Rica
Virtual Summer Program

INTRODUCTION TO LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

Program dates
August 17th - 28th, 2020

Description

The course provides an approach to Latin American culture, from a journey through its history, economic, political and social processes, literature, linguistic diversity, myths, values, prejudices, problems and challenges to better understand its cultural manifestations, based on its diversity. The course is opened for general public.

Duration	Credits	Cost
30 hours	4	\$1,000 USD

General objective

Allow to thoughtfully approach the Latin American cultural horizon, from theoretical and practical exercises, so that they can demystify and humanize the experiences and representations of the region.



Methodology

This is a virtual course. Students will meet with the professor on a daily basis to discuss topics and assign homework. The contact with various artistic productions evidencing some periods in history included in the course or with various cultural aspects of Latin American societies (literature, videos, plenaries, music, interviews, data collection, oppositions, questionnaires, inventory of regional vocabulary, among others) will be encouraged, for their analysis and discussion, as well as that of the concerns and interests of the students, as ideas arise and classroom activities are completed.

Evaluation

Essay	Virtual work	Final Project (oral and written)	Total
20 %	40 %	40 %	100 %



Activities

Classes will be divided into two sections. During the first hour and a half, the professor will introduce the topic, there will be discussions about the student's previous knowledge; the professor will deliver a talk. This process may be accompanied by videos, individual or group work, interviews with colleagues or further talks. During the second hour and a half, students must carry out readings, investigations, questionnaires and practices in order to strengthen the contents, and to spark their interest in upcoming class topics.





Schedule

First week: August 17th - 21st	Contents
<p>Spanish</p> <p>8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Synchronous activities</p> <hr/> <p>9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Asynchronous activities</p>	<p>Contents vary according to the student's Spanish language level.</p>
<p>Latin American Studies</p> <p>11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Synchronous activities</p> <hr/> <p>12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Asynchronous activities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The colonial cultural subject 2. The heterogeneous self 3. Colony and Independence 4. Historical, social, political, and cultural situation of Latin America in the 19th century 5. Civilization clash / barbarism 6. Vindication of the history of America

**Second week:
August 24th - 28th**

Contents

Spanish

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Synchronous activities

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Synchronous activities

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Latin American Studies

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Synchronous activities

12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Asynchronous activities

1. Cultural modernity and American expression
2. The construction of a continental identity
3. Regionalism and vindication of Barbarism
4. Latin American contexts: Caudillos, Tyrants, Guerrillas, and the processes of democratization
5. Costa Rica in the regional and continental context
6. Social and linguistic behaviors: the choteo, the joke, and the compliment



**Applications close on July 30th
Deadline for payment is August 07th**

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