

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE FRASER VALLEY

COURSE INFORMATION

DISCIPLINE/DEPARTMENT: Geography

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: June 1994

Revised: _____

Geography 233
SUBJECT/NUMBER OF COURSE

Selected Regions
DESCRIPTIVE TITLE

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the regional geography of a major world region. Subject matter will include topics drawn from physical and human geography, with emphasis placed on the human/environmental interactions, historic and contemporary, which account for the geographical character of the region.

RATIONALE:

COURSE PREREQUISITES: Any one course in Geography or permission of the instructor.

COURSE COREQUISITES: None

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| HOURS PER TERM FOR EACH STUDENT | Lecture | 30 | hrs | Student Directed | |
| | Laboratory | | hrs | Learning | hrs |
| | Seminar | 15 | hrs | Other - specify: | |
| | Field Experience | | hrs | _____ | hrs |
| | | | | TOTAL | 45 HRS |

MAXIMUM ENROLMENT: 35

Is transfer credit requested? **:** Yes **9** No

AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES:

Course Designer(s): Dr. Sandy Vanderburgh

Chairperson: _____
Curriculum Committee

Department Head: David J. Gibson

Dean: J. D. Tunstall Ph.D

PAC: Approval in Principle
_____ **(Date)**

PAC: Final Approval:
_____ **(Date)**

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SYNONYMOUS COURSES:

(a) replaces _____
(course #)

(b) cannot take _____ for further credit
(course #)

SUPPLIES/MATERIALS:

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS (List reading resources elsewhere)

Brian W. Blouet and Olwyn M. Blouet, Latin America and the Caribbean, A systematic and regional survey. (2nd Ed.)
New York: Wiley, 1993.

Paul. B. Goodwin (ed.), Global Studies: Latin America. (5th ed.) Guilford, Conn.: Duskin, 1992.

OBJECTIVES:

METHODS:

STUDENT EVALUATION PROCEDURE:

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| Participation | 15% - attendance, discussion, presentation |
| Mid-Term Examination | 25% - short answer, map id, essay, based on lectures, discussion and readings |
| Final Examination | 30% |
| Research Paper | 30% - 1500 words on approved topic |

COURSE CONTENT

- Week 1 Course Introduction
Nature of course and requirements
Regional geography
The definition of Latin America
The European background of discovery

Tutorial: No Tutorial first week
- Week 2 The Physical Setting
Plate Tectonics and geology
Landforms
Climate, drainage, biogeography

Readings: "Latin American: Myth and Reality", 2-6 of Global Studies. Tom Martinson, "Physical Environments of Latin America" ch. 1. of Latin America and the Caribbean
Tutorial: Latin American Food and Culture
- Week 3 Pre-Columbian Patterns
Mature and variety in pre-Columbian America
Introduction to Aztecs, Maya and Inca cultures

Readings: Article 1, Global Studies. ch 2 of Latin America and the Caribbean.
Tutorial: Map Exercise from week two. Reports on Regions.
- Week 4 The Colonial Experience
The Spanish heritage and Spanish colonialism
The impact of history on the present-culture, regions, transportation

Readings: 81-99, 131-137, Latin America and the Caribbean.
Tutorial: Review of material weeks 3 and 4.
- Week 5 Population and Settlement
Demographic trends
Rural settlement
The peasantry

Readings: Ch. 5, Latin America and the Caribbean. Article 7, Global Studies.
Tutorial: Demographic statistics, readings

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COURSE CONTENT: (contd.)

Week 6 Agriculture and Culture
 Agricultural systems
 The milpa and the farm
 Agricultural trends

Readings: Ch. 4 of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Tutorial: Discussion of readings. Term Paper Topics Due

Week 7 The Urban habitat
 Urbanization in Latin America
 Mexico City, a case study

Readings: Ch. 6 of Latin America and the Caribbean. Article 2 in Global Studies.

Tutorial: Review for mid-term examination

Week 8 Mid-Term Examination 0900-1030.

Tutorial: Discussion of term papers 1045-1200

Week 9 Latin America Today
 Economic, political and cultural issues

Readings: Ch. 7, Ch. 8. of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Tutorial: Discussion of readings and mid-term examination.

Week 10 Mexico and Central America
 Nafta and Mexico
 Religion in Central America

Readings: Ch. 9 of Latin America and the Caribbean. Articles 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 of Global Issues.

Tutorial: Discussion of Readings, country profiles.

Week 11 The Caribbean
 Introduction to the region
 The case of Cuba

Readings: Ch. 10 of Latin America and the Caribbean. Articles 18, 19, 20 of Global Issues.

Tutorial: discussion of readings, country profiles

Week 12 The Andean Region
 Resource use, past and present

Readings: Ch. 11 Latin America and the Caribbean

Tutorial: Discussion of readings, country profiles.

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- Week 13 Brazil
Does the 21st century belong to Brazil
The Amazon, a case study
- Readings:** Ch. 12. of Latin America and the Caribbean. Articles 12, 14, of Global Studies.
Tutorial: Discussion of Readings and country profile.
- Week 14 The Southern Cone
Alternative histories of Canada, Chile, and Argentina
Course Conclusions
- Readings:** Ch. 13 of Latin America and the Caribbean. Articles 13, 16 of Global Studies.
Tutorial: Discussion of Readings, country profiles, review for final examination.

Basic References for the course:

- Boehm & Visser, (eds.) Latin America Case Studies. F1409.3 L38 1984.
- Brawer, (eds.) Atlas of South America. REF G 1700 B7 1991.
- Cambridge Encyclopedia of Latin America and the Caribbean. REF F 1406 C36 1985.
- Cambridge History of Latin America. REF F1410 C36 1984.
- Crow, The Epic of Latin America. F 1410 C8 1980.
- Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean. REF HC 121 E36.
- Gilbert, Latin American Development, a geographical perspective. HC125 G55.
- Heath (ed.) Contemporary cultures and societies of Latin America: a reader in the social anthropology of Middle and South America. HN 110.5 A8 C66 1988.
- James, Latin America. F 1408 J28.
- Odell and Preston, Economies and Societies in Latin America: a geographical interpretation. HC125 033 1978.
- Preston (ed.), Latin American Development: geographical perspectives. HC123 C38 1987.
- West and Augelli Middle America, its lands and peoples. F2161 W42 1976.
- Wolf and Hansen, The Human Condition in Latin America. HN110.5 A8 W65.