

COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: June 1994  
 COURSE REVISED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 2008  
 COURSE TO BE REVIEWED: September 2009  
 (Four years after UPAC final approval date)

**OFFICIAL COURSE OUTLINE INFORMATION**

Students are advised to keep course outlines in personal files for future use.  
 Shaded headings are subject to change at the discretion of the department and the material will vary - see course syllabus available from instructor

FACULTY/DEPARTMENT:	Geography	
<b>GEOG 233</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>3</b>
COURSE NAME/NUMBER	FORMER COURSE NUMBER	UCFV CREDITS
	<b>Geography of Selected Regions</b>	
COURSE DESCRIPTIVE TITLE		

**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 human/environmental interactions, historic and contemporary, which account for the geographical character of the region.

PREREQUISITES: None  
 COREQUISITES:

SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S)	<b>SERVICE COURSE TO:</b>
(a) Replaces: _____ (Course #)	_____
(b) Cannot take: _____ for further credit. (Course #)	_____

TOTAL HOURS PER TERM: <b>45</b>	TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION
<b>STRUCTURE OF HOURS:</b>	LENGTH OF COURSE: _____
Lectures: <b>30</b> Hrs	HOURS PER DAY: _____
Seminar: <b>15</b> Hrs	
Laboratory: Hrs	
Field Experience: Hrs	
Student Directed Learning: Hrs	
Other (Specify): Hrs	

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:	<b>36</b>
EXPECTED FREQUENCY OF COURSE OFFERINGS:	<b>Once every other year</b>
<b>WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (upper-level requested by department)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES:**

Course Designer(s): _____ David Gibson	Chairperson: _____ Maira Kloster ( <i>Curriculum Committee</i> )
Department Head: _____ Dr. Ken Brealey	Dean: _____ Dr. Eric Davis
PAC Approval in Principle Date: _____	PAC Final Approval Date: August 25, 2008

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES / GOALS / OUTCOMES / LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Students will:

- investigate selected themes in the geography of a region and enhance their understanding of the region;
- gain an understanding of the relationship of the physical environment in the development of settlement patterns, resources, natural hazards, etc;
- be introduced to current and past patterns of settlement and;
- develop an appreciation of the relationship between geography and current economic, political, and social problems common to the region.

**METHODS:**

The course will be offered in a lecture/seminar format. Lectures will introduce topics that will be explored in seminars through student discussion of assigned readings and student presentations.

**PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):**

Credit can be awarded for this course through PLAR (Please check:)  Yes  No

**METHODS OF OBTAINING PLAR:**

Portfolio assessment, exams or other methods as appropriate.

**TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:**

[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts for this course might be:]

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.

**SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:**

None required

**STUDENT EVALUATION:**

[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]

Participation	15% (attendance, participation in discussions, and presentations)
Mid-Term Examination	25%
Final Examination	30%
Research Paper	30%

## **COURSE CONTENT:**

[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]

### Week 1 Course Introduction

Nature of course and requirements  
Regional geography  
The definition of Latin America  
The European background of discovery

### Week 2 The Physical Setting

Plate Tectonics and geology  
Landforms  
Climate, drainage, biogeography

### Week 3 Pre-Columbian Patterns

Mature and variety in pre-Columbian America  
Introduction to Aztecs, Maya and Inca cultures

### Week 4 The Colonial Experience

The Spanish heritage and Spanish colonialism  
The impact of history on the present-culture, regions, transportation

### Week 5 Population and Settlement

Demographic trends  
Rural settlement  
The peasantry

### Week 6 Agriculture and Culture

Agricultural systems  
The milpa and the farm  
Agricultural trends

### Week 7 The Urban habitat

Urbanization in Latin America  
Mexico City, a case study

### Week 8 Mid-Term Examination 0900-1030.

### Week 9 Latin America Today

Economic, political and cultural issues

### Week 10 Mexico and Central America

Nafta and Mexico  
Religion in Central America

### Week 11 The Caribbean

Introduction to the region  
The case of Cuba

### Week 12 The Andean Region

Resource use, past and present

### Week 13 Brazil

Does the 21st century belong to Brazil  
The Amazon, a case study

### Week 14 The Southern Cone

Alternative histories of Canada, Chile, and Argentina  
Course Conclusions