ONONDAGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES
SPANISH 224 – LATIN AMERICAN CIVILIZATION
(Course taught in English)

Course: Latin American Civilization
Semester: 
Classroom: 
Schedule: 


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MODERN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

The mission of the OCC Modern Languages Department is to enable students to acquire a better appreciation of other languages and cultures. Accordingly, the Department supports the College’s mission by enabling students to acquire skills needed to “live, work and thrive in our global community.” To this end the Modern Languages Department,

• offers instruction in French, German, Italian, Spanish as well as American Sign Language.

• provides courses that fulfill the foreign language requirement for the AA in Humanities degree at OCC, SUNY General Education purposes, and New York State teacher certification.

• promotes a fuller understanding of the differences and similarities among global communities through course work, community involvement and study-abroad opportunities.

• fosters critical thinking through linguistic analysis and the comparison of diverse cultures.

• prepares students for further study and professional careers requiring competence in foreign languages and the understanding of other cultures.
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COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course will introduce and expose students to the varied and complex geographical, ethnic, social and historical forces that have shaped contemporary Latin America such as, European-Asian-New World interactions, racial mixtures, military takeovers, U.S. intervention in the region, and migratory experiences. This will be attained through contrasting and comparing the contemporary and diverse cultural manifestations of the peoples living in Latin America, and the cultural transformation of Latin Americans who have emigrated to other parts of the world. The course is taught in English.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
At the end of a semester of study, students will be able to perform as indicated in each of the following areas:

- Identify countries and main cities and describe major regions of Latin America.
- Explain selected historical, political, economic and social developments in Latin America.
- Identify selected manifestations of high and pop culture in Latin America.
- Understand intricate relationships between Latin America, the United States, and other parts of the world.
- Interpret current events in Latin America.

EVALUATION AND GRADING
The instructor will assess the student’s overall performance as follows:

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A (94-100) Superior, A- (90-93) Outstanding, B+ (87-89) Excellent
B (84-86) Very good, B- (80-83) Good, C+ (77-79) Average
C (74-76) Inconsistent, C- (70-73) Poor, D (65-69) Insufficient
F (0-64) Failure

Note: See Student Handbook if you want to request a grade of Incomplete.
Please remember that a grade of C- or below will not transfer to other institutions.

ACADEMIC RULES - STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AT OCC
- Rules: Visit [http://students.sunyocc.edu/academics](http://students.sunyocc.edu/academics) or find them in your Student Handbook.
- Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities: See Student Handbook
- Academic Integrity: See Student Handbook
ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION
Attendance in this course is required and, therefore, inconsistent attendance will negatively impact your homework/participation grade. Note that although class attendance is important, it is not the same as class participation. You must be actively involved in each class to receive a good grade in participation. The participation grade will be based on the students’ daily level of preparedness, engagement in the learning process, participation, spontaneous volunteering, and respect for others and for the cultures being learned.

Out of courtesy, please e-mail or call your professor when you must miss a class.

HOMEWORK
Students should review material presented in class and complete all homework daily in order to be able to be fully engaged during class lectures and discussions.

RESEARCH PAPERS AND EXAMS
Due dates for research papers and exams will be announced in advance. Students are expected to turn in their research papers by the due date of phase penalties. Mid-term and final exam can only be taken on the scheduled date, there will be no make-ups. If face with a documented emergency during the time of an exam, please contact the professor immediately.

EXTRA CREDIT
Extra credit opportunities may be provided by your instructor, but will not have a great impact on your final grade.
COURSE OUTLINE
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PART A - GEOGRAPHY AND ETHNICITY
I. The geography of Latin America
   a. Mexico
   b. Central America and the Caribbean
   c. South America

PART B – HISTORY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS
II. Pre-Conquest Civilizations and Cultures
    a. Maya
    b. Aztec
    c. Inca

III. The Peninsular Imprint
     a. Conquistadores and explorers
     b. Missionaries and religion
     c. Language and customs

IV. Colony, Independence and Revolution
    a. Fusion of cultures
    b. Cultural nationalism
       Indoamerica
       Mestizaje

V. Case Studies: Argentina and Chile

   Brazil
   Peru
   Mexico
   Cuba
   Central America and the Caribbean

VI. Latin American Relations with the United States and the World

PART C - CULTURE
VII. Men and Women

VIII. Art and Architecture

IX. Music and Dance

X. Food

REVIEW

Weeks 1 and 2
Weeks 3 and 4
Weeks 5 and 6
Week 7 and 8
Weeks 9 and 10
Weeks 11 and 12
Week 13