ANTH 325 A01
ANTHROPOLOGY OF SOUTH AMERICA

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This course is designed to give students an overview of the history and contemporary sociocultural and political economic systems of Native and Latin American populations in South America. In tracing the peoples and processes that have shaped contemporary South America, we will apply anthropological critical theories to issues of colonialism, underdevelopment and poverty; urbanization and industrialization; local and global considerations of power; class, ethnic, and racial conflict; gender relations; and environmental concerns.

In this course, you will have the opportunity to expand and deepen your knowledge of South American peoples, processes, and issues; to challenge you own and other’s assumptions and preconceptions about the region and its peoples and their histories; and to articulate a critical perspective on your own experiences and perspectives.

SKILLS DEVELOPEMENT

You will have the opportunity to practice applying anthropological approaches and concepts to particular ethnographic examples and to develop critical reflective writing, research, and analytical skills. Students will be assessed primarily by exams, film reviews, poster presentation and annotated bibliography.