

# ANTH 325

# ANTHROPOLOGY OF SOUTH AMERICA

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES**

This course provides an overview of South America's rich cultural diversity, historical processes, and contemporary issues. Using a critical anthropological perspective, we will examine factors like power, socioeconomic inequalities, religion, and ethnic and gender relations in the context of indigenous and Latin American settler societies. An analysis of colonialism will show continuities with more recent processes of globalization, neoliberal developments, and environmental impacts. We will also critically consider how anthropologists and others have represented South America's people and places.

## **SKILLS DEVELOPEMENT**

In this course, students will be able to apply anthropological approaches and concepts to particular ethnographic examples and to develop critical reflective writing, research, and analytical skills. They have the opportunity to expand and deepen their knowledge of South American peoples, histories, and issues; to challenge their own and others' assumptions about the region; and to articulate a critical perspective of their own experiences and views. Assessment will be based on exams, research projects, presentations, and class participation.