

**Geography 3670-090**  
**Geography of Latin America**  
**3 semester credit hours**

**Instructor:**

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**Prerequisites:** None

**General Education Status:**

Fulfills the International Requirement



**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

*Banditos, sombrero's, mañana ("tomorrow"), cocaine, guerrilleros, etc.* Much of the world still tends to view Latin Americans in terms of stereotypes. The popular image of the mustachioed *bandito* wearing a large sombrero and draped with cartridge belts has been replaced by the figure of the modern-day guerilla. But the same essential image, of lawlessness and violence, persists.

The reality of Latin America's multiplicity of cultures is, in a word, *complexity*. The Latin realm is made up of a variety of cultural imprints. The Europeans, Africans, and Native American Indians have all contributed substantially to these cultures. This course is designed to give students a greater understanding and appreciation for the culture of Latin America in all its immense diversity.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

The objective of this course is to leave the student with an understanding of the diverse cultures that are found in Latin America. The class should provide the student a foundation of information - geographic, cultural, economic, political, historic, etc. - that allows for a better understanding of the current and future problems within these countries and regions.