

LATIN AMERICAN CIVILIZATION AND CULTURE

General Description

This course aims to explaining and studying in depth the basic points considered the basis of Latin American culture. Cultural aspects of different fields will be covered and interrelated through explanations, articles, and media resources.

Content

1. Basic Information about Latin American Culture.
 - 1.1. Latin America: Now and Then.
 - 1.2. The Countries: Basic Information.
 - 1.3. Languages and Diversity.
2. Habits in Everyday Life.
 - 2.1. Eating and Drinking.
 - 2.2. Social Relations and Festivities.
3. Religion and Folklore Expressions.
4. Sports and Free Time. Latin American Icons.
5. Tradition and Transformation in Latin American Music.
6. Cinema in Latin America.
7. Artistic Expressions in Latin America.
8. Hispanic USA: a growing minority.

Assessment

The course grade will be based on the following criteria:

- Attendance and class participation: 20%
- Final Project and Presentation in class: 30%
- Midterm examination: 25%
- Final examination: 25%
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Presentation: You will be asked to present one cultural aspect (traditions, festivities, famous people etc.) of one of the Latin American countries. The presentation will take 10-20 minutes and it will be given to the teacher written as well. Each written project will have between three or five pages and it must include at least four resources of Bibliography. You have to tell to the teacher the topic of the project before October the 29th

Attendance policy: Students are expected to attend at least 80% of classes in order to get the right to be evaluated. Each absence must be justified.

Bibliography

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- John King, "Modern Latin American Culture". Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 2004.