

**GEOGRAPHY 371
H(3-0) Area II**

Introduction to Latin America

Instructor: Richard Callaghan

Official Course Description:

A survey of the physical, cultural and historical geography of Latin America.

Prerequisite:

Any course in Geography or consent of the Department.

Supplementary Fees: (*field trips etc*). N/A.

Text(s)/Readings: Clawson, David L. *Latin America and the Caribbean: Lands and Peoples. Latest Edition*, WCB Publishers.

Grading (Weighting):

There will three in-term exams worth 30% and one exam on the last day of classes worth 10%. Exam scores/grades will **not** be curved.

There will not be a final exam scheduled by the Registrar's Office.
It is not essential to pass all elements/components to pass the course as a whole.

Course Topics:

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| Introduction: | General comparison to other world regions, outstanding characteristics-physical/cultural |
| I.Physical Landscape: | Natural regions-physiography, drainage and climate Natural vegetation and soils Native animal life |
| II.Historical Background: | Pre-Columbian Amerindian cultures European background, exploration, conquest and settlement Historical and Economic development: colonial period Independence Movement modern period |
| III.Cultural Features: | Population: historical and present-day trends Distribution and settlement patterns, urbanization Races, languages, religions |
| IV.Economy: | Present economic trends Characteristics of the economy General features of underdevelopment |

Tentative Course Schedule and handouts will be posted on Blackboard and should be accessed by students prior to discussion of the above topics.

Grading System:

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| 97-100 | A+ | 80-83 | B | 60-64 | C- |
| 90-96 | A | 77-79 | B- | 55-59 | D+ |
| 87-89 | A- | 72-76 | C+ | 50-54 | D |
| 84-86 | B+ | 65-71 | C | 0-49 | F |

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| A+ | 4.00 | Outstanding performance |
| A | 4.00 | Excellent-superior performance, showing comprehensive understanding of subject |
| A- | 3.70 | ↑ |
| B+ | 3.30 | ↑ |
| B | 3.00 | Good - clearly above average performance |
| B- | 2.70 | ↑ |
| C+ | 2.30 | ↑ |
| C | 2.00 | Satisfactory performance – basic understanding of the subject |
| C- | 1.70 | |
| D+ | 1.30 | |
| D | 1.00 | Minimal Pass-marginal performance |
| F | 0 | Fail - - poor performance |

For additional detailed course information posted by the Instructor see Blackboard at: <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/>

Plagiarism

Academic dishonesty is not an acceptable activity at the University of Calgary and students are **strongly advised** to read the Student Misconduct section in the University Calendar. Quite often, students are unaware of what constitutes academic dishonesty or plagiarism. The most common are 1) presenting another student's work as your own 2) presenting an author's work or ideas as your own without proper referencing and 3) using work completed for another course. This activity will not be tolerated in this course and students conducting themselves in this manner will be dealt with according to the procedures outlined in the calendar.

Disability Resource Centre Accommodations

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

Re: Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments

- All assignments will be handles on Blackboard.
- Their own grades will be available to each student on Blackboard by password access. Grades will **not** be available at Geography's main office.

Contact Information for Student and Faculty Representation

- SU VP Academic Phone: 220-3911 and e-mail: suypaca@ucalgary.ca
- SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

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