

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
SPA 112  
The World of Latin America  
3-3-0

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Taught in English and open to all students, this course will provide an understanding of the forces that have molded the Latin America of today and have influenced many aspects of our society. The student will learn about the complex customs and personalities, the unity and diversity of the Latin American people. Lectures and class discussions will be supplemented by audiovisual materials and individual research.

### REQUISITES:

*Previous Course Requirements*

None

*Concurrent Course Requirements*

None

LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Recall the geographical and political divisions of past and present-day Latin America.	Lectures Discussion Audiovisual Materials	Tests
2. Recognize historical elements that have shaped modern Latin America.	Lectures Discussion Audiovisual Materials	Tests
3. Examine the contribution of the various cultures that compose the population.	Lectures Discussion Audiovisual Materials	Tess Presentations
4. Name important artists, writers, and musicians and their contributions to the society of the time.	Lectures Discussion Audiovisual Materials	Tests Presentations

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5. Compare and contrast present-day Latin American social problems to those of the US.	Lectures Discussion	Weekly News Reports

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of students will meet or exceed outcome criteria.*

#### SEQUENCE OF TOPICS

1. The geography, flora and fauna of the continent
2. Early civilizations
3. Colonial history
4. Political development of the countries and leaders who forged the course of history
5. Contributions of the various cultures that compose the population
6. Development of Latin American literature, art, and music
7. Present-day Latin America

#### LEARNING MATERIALS

No textbook required. Instructor-produced materials will be used.

Other learning materials may be required and made available directly to the student and/or via the College's Libraries and/or course management system.

#### COURSE APPROVAL:

Prepared by: Josiane Guilleux	Date: July, 1998
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*This course is consistent with Montgomery County Community College's mission. It was developed, approved and will be delivered in full compliance with the policies and procedures established by the College.*