

# **SPANISH 528:**

*Encuentro Hispano II*

# **Course Syllabus**

## **Course Description**

An in-depth exploration of Latin American culture through in-country learning that allows for study and analysis of society, history, and people. These hands-on studies vary and may include visits to socio-cultural ethnic sites, literature, and film in one or more countries of Latin America. This course will be taught in Spanish.

## **General Course Objectives**

Careful consideration will be given to: 1) Analysis and study of cultural concepts in Latin America, 2) developing ability to communicate ideas/observations both orally and in writing, and 3) increasing broader, cultural knowledge of Latin America through focusing on these analytical skills.

## **List of Course Topics**

Course cultural topics *may* include:

- \*cultural and ethnic diversity in Latin America: the indigenous, Afro-Latin, and mestizo communities;
- \*how migration and immigration impact Latin America today;
- \*how history helps our understanding contemporary Latin American society
- \*how male and female roles lead to our insight into contemporary Latin American society; or
- \*how urban versus rural life reveals awareness of Latin America as a developing part of the world.

## **Course Requirements**

Students are expected to complete daily written assignments; to write analytical essays, focusing on different aspects of cultural analysis; take quizzes and exams; and to actively participate in class and cultural excursions.

## **Grading Criteria**

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|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| <b>A+</b> | 98%          | <b>B+</b> | 88-89% | <b>C+</b> | 78-79% | <b>D+</b> | 68-69% |
| <b>A</b>  | 90-97%       | <b>B</b>  | 80-87% | <b>C</b>  | 70-77% | <b>D</b>  | 60-67% |
| <b>F</b>  | 59% or below |           |        |           |        |           |        |

## **Attendance Policy**

Students are required and expected to attend class everyday and to keep up with the assigned reading and to actively participate in all discussions.

## **Academic Honesty.**

“In keeping with its mission, the University seeks to prepare its students to be knowledgeable, forthright, and honest. It expects and requires academic honesty from all members of the University community. Academic honesty includes adherence to guidelines established by the University, its Colleges and Schools and their faculties, its libraries, and the computer center” (Bulletin, p. 90). If a student does not adhere to or comply with the university’s policy on academic honesty, the results could be a zero for the assignment or for the course.

## **Class Cancellation Policy**

Should a class session need to be cancelled, students will be notified prior to class the same day.