

COURSE OUTLINE
SPAN 100
Cultures Of Latin America
3 Semester Hours

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

Spanish 100 is a one credit offered in English for those who are interested in the various cultures of Latin America. This course is organized around certain themes so as to be able to touch upon all of the countries of Central and South America. These themes are explored and discussed from both present and past perspectives. (1 hour weekly)

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of SPAN 100 students will:

1. Recognize all of the countries of Latin America and be able to situate them on a map.
2. Define the populations of Latin America and show their roles in the social strategy
3. Identify the various Indian groups (Maya, Aztec, Inca) by Latin American culture.
4. List the advantages and disadvantages of living in a pueblo or the city.
5. Discuss the family and the roles of its individual members.
6. Define the role of religion in Latin American life.
7. Describe the economic plight of Latin America.
8. Highlight the contributions of the arts in Latin America.
9. Discuss the populations from Latin America who have relocated to areas of the United States.
10. Compare and contrast various aspects of Latin American culture with those of North America.

Major Topics

1. Who are the Hispanics?
2. Geography of Latin America and its effects on life and culture
3. The Indian populations
4. Customs, Holidays, Religion
5. The Conquest
6. The pueblo vs. the city
7. Economics of Latin America
8. Dynamics of the family
9. The arts
10. Hispanic U.S.A.

Course Requirements

Grading/Exams:

Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include an oral presentation, at least one exam and class participation.

Other Course Information

This course fulfills the cultural diversity requirement (one credit)