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GEA 3400 - RVC

Population and Geography of Latin America
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Course Description

Interested in Migration, Environmental Politics, or (Post) Colonialism?

If so, you'll love this course!



This course provides an introduction to the geography of Latin America. The course studies the peoples, cities, countries, and sub-regions of Latin America, including the Caribbean area, and their relationships. In this class, you will learn about Latin America's physical environment, political geography, population distribution and change, economic development, and ways of life. Emphasis will be placed upon the changing societies of the region and the changing relationships between people, borders, and their socioenvironments.

You will not be required to memorize trivial facts. Instead, I expect you to understand important concepts and explain processes and ideas that shape and change the peoples and environments of Latin America. Provisionally, grading will include online map quizzes and a short research paper (5-6 pages) and two multiple choice exams.

Textbook

Kent, Robert B. 2006. *Latin America: Regions and People*. New York & London: Guilford Publications.