Cultures of Latin America
ANTH 4633
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M-F 10:30am-12:40pm
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In this course we will cover some of the key themes in the anthropology of contemporary Latin America. Students will become familiar with the diversity of peoples and social issues that characterize the region. We will examine Latin America from many perspectives, from historical framing to hypermodernity, and examine the meaning of extremes of wealth and poverty, the cultural construction of race, the effects of immigration and transnationalism, varieties of religious expression and festivals, and traditional and globalized politics of indigenous identities and expressions.

This class fulfills the upper division "North America/Area Studies" requirement for anthropology majors, and can also fulfill the university-wide Western Civilization and Culture general education requirement (Core area IVb2). For non-anthropology majors this class serves as an upper-division humanity (Core area IVd 1 and 2).