

The right program makes all the difference!

1. Description:

In recent years, Latin America has attracted increasing interest from other countries with respect to topics of economics, politics and culture. This has led to the creation of new fields of study that deal with the problems in the American continent from both modern and historical perspectives. This course will introduce the student to the essential aspects of Latin America and more specifically, one of its countries: Chile.

The Chilean case is an interesting object of study as a representative of Latin America since it has accomplished a balance between its natural condition of an American nation and the socio-political burden it carries. At the same time it has been incorporated to the international scene as a solid and stable nation, fitting into the globalized system of today's world. Chile is a country with a rich mixture of culture; from its pre-Columbian roots to its most recent republican history.

2. Objectives:

- Introduce students to the political and geographical characteristics of Latin America.
- Recognize the Chilean history and its major figures.
- Recognize Chile's cultural manifestations and analyze some of its most important works of art.
- Emphasize the value of the cultural diversity and tolerance in Latin America and other regions of the world.

3. Contents:

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| a) Introduction to Latin America. | f) Social conventions in Chile. |
| b) Introduction to Chile. | g) Spanish in Chile. |
| c) History of Chile. | h) Arts in Chile. |
| d) Education in Chile. | i) Globalization and mass culture. |
| e) Main figures in Chile and Latin America. | |

4. Methodology:

Classes are taught by a professor and include guided readings and student presentations. Student participation is encouraged through the discussion of movies, texts, and paintings analyzed in class. Special class and extracurricular trips add to the students understand of the material.

5. Evaluation:

- Oral presentation of a complementary topic (30%)
- Final exam on the contents studied in class (60%)
- Class participation (10%)