



Course GB-29

WOMEN IN THE HISTORY OF LATIN AMERICA

(45 class hours)

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OBJECTIVES

This Course aims to explore the presence of women within the political, economic, and cultural processes involved in the history of Latin America. The suggestion is that it has become essential to analyze in greater depth the female Latin-American universe conceived of as a multi-ethnic reality. Personal and family honor, sexuality, and zones of public action conquered by women throughout history constitute the subject-matter which will be dealt with. Syllabus content will be distributed thematically so as to facilitate a chronologically-based overview stretching from colonization to the present day, while considering the role of women in the home, within the economy, as well as within the scenarios of politics and culture.

METHODOLOGY

Theoretical explanation of the syllabus with didactic back-up material. Bibliographical readings dealing with the issues set forth. Organized debates linked with readings, documentaries, movies, or specific talks given by invited specialists.

SYLLABUS CONTENT

1. Latin America: Three Interconnected Worlds:

White women

Indian women

Black women

2. Being Born and Growing up as a Woman:

Women, honor, sexuality

To love and obey: wives and lovers

Marginality and prostitution

3. Saints and Witches:

Married to God: convent-based life

The Devil's lovers: witchcraft and black magic

Women and syncretic interactions

Divinity and the female

4. Family Life: Mothers, Wives, and Daughters.

Owners and slaves

Kinds of solidarity among women

Domestic violence



5. Culture and Female Education.

Traditional upbringings

Zones of conquest

6. Women's spaces

Women's work and the domestic economy

Space in politics

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ASSESSMENT

Two compulsory exams will be set as the Course develops, the dates of which will be indicated in due time. Likewise, final grading will give positive consideration to regular attendance and to active participation in class sessions.