YALE UNIVERSITY

ANTHROPOLOGY 207 – PEOPLES AND CULTURES OF LATIN AMERICA - Fall Semester 2006
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Luce Hall, room 202 - 34 Hillhouse Avenue.

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Course description
This course examines Latin America as a diverse culture area, with particular emphasis on ethnicity, religion, gender, popular culture, and social inequality in both rural and urban areas.

General course information

Course Requirements: There will be one mid-term and one final paper. The mid-term is a short essay (5 to 7 pages, double-spaced), in which you will develop a topic of your selection, using the theoretical and ethnographic materials discussed during classes (but not restricted to that). The final is a 15 to 20 page double-spaced term-paper.

Deadlines: The mid-term paper is due Tuesday, October 24, at 4:30 p.m. in the instructor’s mail box at 51 Hillhouse Avenue. The final-term paper is due Friday, December 8, at 4:30 p.m. in the instructor’s mail box at 51 Hillhouse Avenue. Lateness Policy: 1/3 grade reduction per day late. The Teaching Fellow is not authorized to offer extensions.

Section requirements: Sections will meet once a week for discussions and viewing of documentary films. Attendance, discussion and class participation make up 2/3 of section grade. You will also be asked to write three short (approximately 500 words) critical essays on the required readings (on average, one every three weeks), in which you should offer comments, raise questions, suggest further lines of inquiry, etc. The reading responses will together count for 1/3 of the section grade.

Class and section participation is encouraged and this will be reflected in the final grade.

Composition of the final grade:
Section grade: 30%
Mid-term: 30%
Final term paper: 40%

There will be no classes during reading week. This course can be taken for Pass/Fail option.
Required Readings

Books:

Articles:
Course packet available at Docprint & Imaging – 27 Whitney Ave., (203) 776-6000.

Course Outline

Week 1 (September 7) – Introduction.

Week 2 (September 12 and 14) – Placing Latin America into Historical Context.


Week 3 (September 19 and 21) – Race and Ethnicity.


Week 4 (September 26 and 28) – Religion.


Week 5 (October 3 and 5) – Religion and Peasantry.

Week 6 (October 10 and 12) – Peasantry.

Week 7 (October 17 and 19) – Gender and Power.

Week 8 (October 24 and 26) – Gender and Power, II - Mid-term paper due.

Week 9 (October 31 and November 2) – Inequality and Poverty.

Week 10 (November 7 and 9) – Violence and Suffering.
Week 11 (November 14 and 16) – Encountering development/globalization impacts, I.


Week 12 – Fall recess.

Week 13 (November 28 and 30) – Encountering development/globalization impacts, II.


Week 14 (December 5 and 7) – Wrap up and final discussions; final papers are due on Dec. 8.