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SPAN 372: Latin American Civilization and Culture

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Syllabus subject to change

Meeting Days and Time: *Centro Habla/TBA*

Required Textbook:

Imágenes de América Latina. Manual de historia y cultura latinoamericanas by R. Tamames, Sebastián Quesada, Sebastián Quesada Marco
Paperback, 137 Pages, Published 2001 by Edelsa Grupo Didascalía S A
ISBN-13: 978-84-7711-586-1, ISBN: 84-7711-586-9

Recommended Texts: A good Spanish dictionary or thesaurus. Also, please bring a flash drive and a small notebook.

About SPAN 372: This course is a survey of the historical and cultural background of Latin America and its people from the Discovery to the present. However, this class will center in the indigenous influence in Latin American countries, particularly the Mayan culture heritage in south of Mexico and Central America. Dr. Zavala-Garrett will provide additional materials. THE COURSE WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY IN SPANISH.

Grade Breakdown: Grades are based on the following categories:

PARTICIPACIÓN Y ASISTENCIA	30%
TAREAS Y ACTIVIDADES ESPECIALES	40%
PROYECTO FINAL *	20%
NOTICIERO SEMANAL *	10%
TOTAL	100%

Grading Scale:

100-90: A *Grades are not curved nor rounded up.
89-80: B *Extra credit is not offered on an individual basis.
79-70: C
69-60: D
59 and below: F (E)

- ***NOTA:** 1) Cada día de clase se compartirá una noticia local o nacional de México con los compañeros y la profesora. 2) Al final del curso se harán presentaciones orales sobre sus experiencias personales en conexión con la cultura y vocabulario aprendidos durante el programa.

ASISTENCIA: KIIS program participants are expected to be punctual to and in attendance at all classes, meetings and required excursions, and to remain with the program for the full academic period. Unexcused absences from classes and/or mandatory meetings will result in a lowering of the student's final grade, as will excessive tardiness. Multiple unexcused absences could result in expulsion from the program. Any absence from an academic class session must be excused for medical reasons.

PARTICIPACIÓN: Students enrolled in this course are expected to volunteer responses to the instructor's questions, demonstrate preparation for class by contributing to class discussions, and offering constructive comments and questions. Students are also expected to behave appropriately, showing respect to their instructor and their classmates. Class participation points are based the instructor's observation of a student's willingness to participate in the oral exercises in class, his/her full participation in the peer group work and his/her willingness to respond when called upon as well as to ask pertinent questions and make meaningful contributions to the class.

TAREAS Y ACTIVIDADES ESPECIALES: Students will be constantly working in and outside the class with different activities in order to help in their acquisition of the material covered in class. Students are expected to hand in homework ON TIME and LATE HOMEWORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Any missed in class work will automatically result in a zero for the student, UNLESS THE STUDENT HAS MISSED CLASS BECAUSE OF JUSTIFIABLE REASONS AND HAS NOTIFIED MS. CHAPA (Mérida's liaison officer) AND MYSELF ABOUT IT.

PROYECTO FINAL: Students will prepare a final project (paper and oral presentation). Professor Zavala-Garrett will provide more information about it.

MI EXPERIENCIA & NOTICIERO SEMANAL: Through this kind of tasks, the students will be able to share some aspects of their own experiences in the target culture reinforcing vocabulary and developing their oral skills. They will also get immersed into the local news, and they will be able select, analyze and communicate culturally relevant ideas to their classmates in the target language. For each cultural trip, students must write a report with a personal opinion about it since they would share this information in class.

EXPECTATIVAS: Students are expected to come to class prepared, to thoughtfully contribute to class activities, to be on time, to attend regularly and to seek assistance when needed. In the event that it is necessary to miss class, it is the responsibility of the student to find out what was covered and to learn the appropriate material. Please refer to the attendance portion of this syllabus to review the attendance policy. Students can expect the instructor to come to class well-prepared, to be available during office hours (or by appointment) and to return graded materials as promptly as possible. Daily classes will be designed so that students hear and use Spanish exclusively. Using only Spanish in class is fundamental because it is essential to your progress in mastering your Spanish skills.

Academic Integrity Policy: Cheating and plagiarism (submitting another person's material as one's own, or doing work for another person who will receive academic credit) are neither permissible nor acceptable. This includes the use of unauthorized books, notebooks, or other sources in order to secure or give help during an assignment, the unauthorized copying of examinations, assignments, reports, or papers, or the presentation of unacknowledged material as if it were your own work. If substantial evidence exists for a violation of this policy, you will receive a grade of 'F' for the course and a written explanation of the violation will be included in your academic file and a copy sent to the Chair of your major department. Disciplinary action may be taken beyond the failing the course. It is your responsibility to verify which resources are authorized for your use in this course. In short, we expect students to abide by the highest ethical.