**Course Title:** Latin American Civilization  
**Term/Semester/Year:** Spring 2010  
**Course Catalog Number:** SPAN3439  
**Instructor:** Dr. Arta L. Boutcher

**Course Description:** In this course we will study Latin American culture, its history, traditions, and the way in which various countries view their national identities, and other important topics such as family values, ethnicity, religion, education, social classes, economy, and globalization. Many noted Latin American writers have written important literary works on the topics mentioned above and therefore we will sample readings from Victoria Ocampo, Cesar Vallejo, Octavio Paz, and Gabriela Mistral among others.

**Prerequisites (If any):** Students need to first complete the course on Spanish grammar and composition.

**Goals and Objectives:** Students will need to complete all assigned readings and contribute (in writing and orally,) their commentaries, and opinions. Aside from a Mid-term and Final exam, students will need to make an oral presentation on a given topic; this presentation has to be researched, presented orally to the class (preferably as a power point presentation,) and then submitted in writing to a Safe Assignment folder created for this course.

**Course Topics:** Social classes  
Ethnicity  
Urbanization  
Family  
Education  
Religion  
National Identity  
Globalization

**Text:** Tradición y cambio by Denis Lynn Daly Heyck and Maria Victoria Gonzalez Pagani.