## LALS 200-50 (HCD1): Exploring Latin America Through Latino Narrative Fiction Distance Education Course in Latin American and Latino Studies for Spring 2015

Exploring Latin America is an LALS course offered each semester that allows students to develop a general appreciation and understanding of a specific region of Latin America, such as the Caribbean, the Andean region, the Southern Cone, Brazil, Central America, and Mexico, as well as the Latin American presence in the United States.

This course will present the varied voices of Latino authors writing in the U.S. today. By reading novels, memoirs, poetry, and history, students will acquire a better understanding of what Latinos have to say about themselves and their experiences in the U.S. The course will focus on three major Hispanic groups residing in this country —Chicanos, Puerto Ricans, and Cubans— but will also consider works that address the interactions between these communities. Readings by the authors listed below will be included in the class.



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