



The UNIVERSITY of VERMONT

**Global Village**  
RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

# Latin American Culture and Politics

## OVERVIEW

Latin American Culture and Politics (LACP) will be hosting a number of themed dinner parties where we will each cook a dish from certain regions of Latin America. We will discuss the ways in which foods are prepared as well as the cultural and historical aspects of the country. We will also have dance nights where we will learn different dances and listen to the music from different parts of Latin America. A discussion of literature and arts of different regions within Latin America will also take place weekly along with the viewing of one foreign film. Throughout the course of the year we will have at least one community service activity and community development activities that will get people on and off campus involved in our events.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. **Each member will be able to identify the type of work, the author/poet/director and major themes of at least 20 different pieces of Latin American literature and film.**
  - a. There will be weekly or bi-weekly literature meetings in which we will provide the members with three pieces of Latin American literature. Before each piece there will be a brief introduction and after there will be a group discussion.
  - b. We will have a library within our suite of the materials that will be read at each meeting.
  - c. We can collaborate with the creative writing suite to try out some of the techniques that they have learned.
2. **Each member will be required to research a current or historical event pertaining to L.A.C.P. There will be a weekly discussion and wall posting of each article found.**
  - a. Research can be done/ obtained via Internet or library resources.
  - b. Students will be required to present their information to the group. After there will be an open discussion.
3. **Members of the program will be invited to participate in the preparation and physical cooking on themed dinner nights as well as find music to coincide with the specific regions included in that night's festivities.**

- a. Recipes will be required to be presented at the start of each meal. After each meal there will be a short presentation about the culture of their selected region.
- b. Music will have to be found at the library or off the Internet to provide a suitable atmosphere while cooking.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

We were hoping to have either an international day where we host a number of fair/ craft like activities within the community. Or if that doesn't work out perhaps we could go into a school or into the community and have an open discussion about immigration.

### **INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER L/L PROGRAMS:**

We would like to have an international film night where we watch three different movies either of different cultures or find one movie that incorporates the culture/history of Latin America plus another programs culture.



#### **About the Global Village**

This program is part of the Global Village Residential Learning Community (RLC). For UVM students interested in exploring other cultures, studying abroad, or pursuing lives and careers in an increasingly interconnected world, the Global Village may be just the place for you! Drawing on the resources of the Living/Learning Center and its dynamic network of student- and faculty-led programs, the community of learners that make up the Global Village will be engaged in coursework, lectures, concerts, exhibits, study sessions, faculty and peer mentoring, social connections with international students, group meals, and trips that:

- Explore the many connections among language, art and culture at regional, national, and international scales.
- Share disciplinary expertise within an environment that values a holistic approach to “living and learning.”
- Encourage formal and informal contacts among students, faculty, and staff within the Global Village, the Living/Learning Center, the other Residential Learning Communities, and the university as a whole.
- Aim to be a complement to existing international and cross-cultural programs at UVM.
- “Think globally and act locally” by outreach to the international community at UVM and within the greater Burlington area.

More information about the Global Village RLC can be found at: <http://www.uvm.edu/rlc>

#### **AIS 095: The Global Village**

AIS 095: The Global Village is a self-paced, one-credit course designed to help you get the most out of your experience as a citizen of the Global Village residential learning community. In

addition to taking part in any courses that are required or recommended for your individual House, all new Global Village residents must enroll in AIS 095 for one credit during the fall semester (as must any returning Global Village student who has not yet satisfactorily completed the class). This course will be graded on a “Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory” basis. As this a self-paced course, there will be no weekly class meeting time. Instead, you are expected to participate in an average of one House activity or one non-House cultural/educational event per week throughout the semester. Each House will have the opportunity to craft a “community learning plan” that will involve a combination of House and non-House activities that will fulfill the requirements of one-credit course. We’ll provide you with a list of suggested events and activities, or you can identify other events/activities with a cultural theme; you choose which ones you wish to attend. Finally, you should plan to attend the Global Village community meetings, which are periodically throughout the year.

We’ll provide you with a Global Village Passport; use it to keep track of your activities and explorations. In addition to documenting participation in your weekly events/activities, you will need to do reflective writing in the form of five short journal entries on the cultural/educational events that you participated in, along with a lengthier essay looking back on your most meaningful experience of the semester within the Global Village.

Returning Global Village students are also invited (but not required) to enroll in AIS 095 during the fall semester. Enrollment in AIS 096 for one credit during the spring semester is optional and encouraged for all students.

If you anticipate a problem with fulfilling this course expectation (such as if you will already be enrolled in 18 credits), please contact your Program/House director.

For more details about this course, visit: <http://www.uvm.edu/rlc/ais095096.pdf>