

Econ 3890

Latin American Economies



Did you know that measures of income inequality for Argentina are about on par with those observed in the US, while Argentina's female tertiary school enrollment level exceeds US levels? By contrast, income inequality in Mexico is among the highest in the Americas and its female tertiary enrollment levels are only a third of Argentina's. What explains these contrasts? An overriding goal of this course is to gain an appreciation for the variability in socio-economic conditions across the region while exploring possible explanations for these striking outcomes. Are they the result of historical legacies? What role do resource endowments play and how do politics and policies fit in?

The instructor has lived and/or worked in a handful of Latin American countries, speaks Spanish, and has taken students on study abroad to two different locations in the region.

- Take this course to increase your global competencies while becoming proficient in tools to assess cross-country economic and social conditions.
- Ideal course for the Latinx and Latin American studies minor, global and international studies majors/minors, Spanish, international marketing, global health, race and ethnic relations.
- **Meets WES Level 2: Exploration and Discovery/Societies and Cultures and WES Diversity and Inclusion learning outcome.**



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