

APPL/THEO 504: THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY IN LATIN AMERICA – COSTA RICA

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3 graduate credit hours, or 3 audit hours

COURSE DESCRIPTION

As global Christianity's focus shifts to the Majority World, Latin America is becoming a vital Christian centre. Encounter Latin American Christianity both intellectually and experientially through personal and critical engagement with theology and ministry in San José, Costa Rica. Join us as we examine the historical, theological, and practical manifestations of this important expression of Christianity, along with its implications for the global church. This course is offered at The Center for Interdisciplinary Theological Studies (CETI) in San José, Costa Rica. This course is part of Regent College's Go Global initiative, which seeks to bring together theology and ministry in context around the world.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Discuss the historical, social, political, religious, and cultural contexts to which Latin American theologies and ministries have needed to respond.
2. Identify significant expressions of Latin American Christianity, including various strands of Roman Catholicism, Protestantism, Charismatic Movements and the Prosperity Gospel
3. Theologically appraise differing Christian approaches to power and influence (mission), within both more liberal and more traditional societies
4. Engage in academically-informed reflections on context as part of their theological and hermeneutical work
5. Develop their own theological approach to issues of poverty and oppression, addressing how the gospel may be “good news” to the poor

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1 Introduction

Day 2 The Institutional Church (1750s-1950s)

Day 3 Protestantism in Latin America

Day 4 Contextual Awareness in Theological Reflection: A Latin American Insight

Day 5 The Kingdom of God and the Kingdoms of Men

Day 6 Jesus in Latin America: “Who do you say that I am?”

Day 7 The Church as Agent of Transformation

Day 8 Mother Earth, Christian Spirituality and Global Capitalism

Day 9 What Good News Does Latin America Bring to the World?

REQUIRED TEXTS

González, Justo L., and Ondina E. González. *Christianity in Latin America*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007. ISBN: 9780521681926 \$63.99

All prices subject to change without notice. The Regent College Bookstore offers a 20% discount on regularly priced books (some exceptions may apply).

SPECIAL NOTE

This course is offered off-campus in various locations near the San José, Costa Rica area. Contact Diane Stinton (goglobal@regent-college.edu) regarding registration details, additional course fees, flights, accommodations, etc.

This course requires extensive reading prior to the course. Students should arrive to the first lecture with the course reading and their reading assignment completed.

Please Note: The Course Information Sheet is meant to assist in selecting courses.

The official syllabus should be consulted for more detailed information. Full syllabus with drop deadlines, policies, and course assignment details, is available on Moodle: moodle.regent-college.edu/login

