Self-evaluation

Why did you take this course? How would you describe your level of engagement in the course?
Interested in the class for its relevance to current Latino conditions and because of a desire to learn more about Latino history and conditions in the US.

Lectures - Rubia Valente

How would you describe the overall quality of the lectures? Please comment, as appropriate, on how well the instructor presented the subject matter, stimulated your intellectual curiosity and independent thinking, and contributed to your knowledge of the subject matter.
Very engaging, open to hear students speak and share their opinions. Managed class discussions well and brought up interesting points and background information. Frequently used videos to add to class discussions and readings.

Papers, Reports, Problem Sets, Examinations, Critiques

Please comment on the guidance of the instructor(s) in preparing you to do written work, comments in response to written work, and the overall value of the papers, reports, exams, problem sets, and critiques to the course.
Clear, written directions for all papers and presentations. Helpful comments in paper and project proposals, as well.

Readings and Visuals

Please comment on the quality of the readings and visuals in the course. Did the readings and visuals present the subject matter clearly? To what extent did the readings and visuals stimulate your intellectual curiosity and independent thinking?
Interesting.

Overall Quality of the Course

Please comment on the overall quality of the course. What worked particularly well and in what ways might the course be improved?
Enjoyed the course and our discussions very much.
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Catalog & Section: 200, L01
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Enrollment: 6 Responses Incl Declines: 6
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Self-evaluation
Why did you take this course? How would you describe your level of engagement in the course?
I took the course out of general interest for the topics and material. I came into this course very engaged, and it only continued that way.

Lectures - Rubia Valente
How would you describe the overall quality of the lectures? Please comment, as appropriate, on how well the instructor presented the subject matter, stimulated your intellectual curiosity and independent thinking, and contributed to your knowledge of the subject matter.
The overall quality of the course was good. I believe that sometimes the lectures revealed a lot of the reading material that was assigned for class. Many times it was useful, however I think that sometimes the material would mention what could potentially be a new idea brought up by students. It was more of inferences and ideas rather than a summary. But it wasn't detrimental at all and still allowed for many to talk and stimulated discussion.

Papers, Reports, Problem Sets, Examinations, Critiques
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It clearly stated what was needed.

Readings and Visuals
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Overall Quality of the Course
Please comment on the overall quality of the course. What worked particularly well and in what ways might the course be improved?
### Self-evaluation

**Why did you take this course? How would you describe your level of engagement in the course?**

I took this course because I want to get a certificate in Latino studies and it's required. I would say I was pretty engaged and looked forward to class usually.

### Lectures - Rubia Valente

**How would you describe the overall quality of the lectures? Please comment, as appropriate, on how well the instructor presented the subject matter, stimulated your intellectual curiosity and independent thinking, and contributed to your knowledge of the subject matter.**

I thought the lectures were very informative. It was a nice break from discussions and all of the information was presented clearly.

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### Papers, Reports, Problem Sets, Examinations, Critiques

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I thought all of the assignments were pretty fair and matched the course appropriately.

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### Readings and Visuals

**Please comment on the quality of the readings and visuals in the course. Did the readings and visuals present the subject matter clearly? To what extent did the readings and visuals stimulate your intellectual curiosity and independent thinking?**

The readings were mostly interesting. I would recommend more intersectional readings with Afro-Latinidad, LGBT Latinx, etc. I do understand that it is so hard to cover so many topics in one intro course, but these topics are very important.

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### Overall Quality of the Course

**Please comment on the overall quality of the course. What worked particularly well and in what ways might the course be improved?**

I would like it if the professor stepped in more when students made problematic statements. While students should argue and engage with one another it becomes tiring when misogynist claims are made consistently throughout class.

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Class Year
Freshman
Primary reason for taking this course
Certificate Program
Percentage of classes you have attended
80-100%
Expected grade
B

Self-evaluation
Why did you take this course? How would you describe your level of engagement in the course?
I am interested in the social issues affecting Latinxs. The course was phenomenal; I always did the readings and was very active in the discussion.

Lectures - Rubia Valente
How would you describe the overall quality of the lectures? Please comment, as appropriate, on how well the instructor presented the subject matter, stimulated your intellectual curiosity and independent thinking, and contributed to your knowledge of the subject matter.
I really like the lecture. I thought it was interesting how the professor would switch from lectures to the discussion and how she incorporated aspects of the reading in the discussion.

I think that the overall quality of the lectures was:

Papers, Reports, Problem Sets, Examinations, Critiques
Please comment on the guidance of the instructor(s) in preparing you to do written work, comments in response to written work, and the overall value of the papers, reports, exams, problem sets, and critiques to the course.
I think writing assignments were lacking in this course. I really wanted my writing to improve by the means of this course and that I would be able to actually critique other's work. However, a lot of the writing we did was informal responses that were more personal rather than scholarly.

I think that the overall quality of the written assignments was:

Readings and Visuals
Please comment on the quality of the readings and visuals in the course. Did the readings and visuals present the subject matter clearly? To what extent did the readings and visuals stimulate your intellectual curiosity and independent thinking?
Besides graphs and old posters, there were not any visuals for the course. I enjoyed the diversity of the readings and how the topic of sexuality within the Latinx community was discussed - this is something not many intro courses do. I felt as more reading could have been assigned for the sake of learning more about an issue, such as undocumented immigrants or issues affecting LGBTQ people.

I think that the overall quality of the readings was:

Overall Quality of the Course
Please comment on the overall quality of the course. What worked particularly well and in what ways might the course be improved?
I feel that this course needs consistency in who teaches it! Valente was great, however, she will not be here next year and I feel as if my comments will not really matter when the next professor comes. I think the way Valente structured the course was EXCELLENT. I appreciated the discussion of sexuality and the focus on the issues affecting undocumented immigrants in the United States.

I think that the overall quality of the course was:
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Self-evaluation

Why did you take this course? How would you describe your level of engagement in the course?
Interested in the subject matter and also fills a distribution requirement.

Lectures - Rubia Valente

How would you describe the overall quality of the lectures? Please comment, as appropriate, on how well the instructor presented the subject matter, stimulated your intellectual curiosity and independent thinking, and contributed to your knowledge of the subject matter.
Great lectures with lots of statistics and conversation starting questions.

I think that the overall quality of the lectures was:

Excellent: ☑️
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Papers, Reports, Problem Sets, Examinations, Critiques

Please comment on the guidance of the instructor(s) in preparing you to do written work, comments in response to written work, and the overall value of the papers, reports, exams, problem sets, and critiques to the course.
Weekly journals made you do the reading and helped the reader form opinions on the text.

I think that the overall quality of the written assignments was:

Excellent: ☐
Very Good: ☑️
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N/A: ☐

Readings and Visuals

Please comment on the quality of the readings and visuals in the course. Did the readings and visuals present the subject matter clearly? To what extent did the readings and visuals stimulate your intellectual curiosity and independent thinking?
visuals added to lectures ad readings were not overly long. Many were engaging and not overly complicated. Easy reading with opinions and clear sides.

I think that the overall quality of the readings was:

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Overall Quality of the Course

Please comment on the overall quality of the course. What worked particularly well and in what ways might the course be improved?
Good course especially as an introduction.

I think that the overall quality of the course was:

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Self-evaluation

Why did you take this course? How would you describe your level of engagement in the course?
I took it because I have never taken a Latino Studies course before and also possibly would want to get a certificate. I was well engaged.

Lectures - Rubia Valente

How would you describe the overall quality of the lectures? Please comment, as appropriate, on how well the instructor presented the subject matter, stimulated your intellectual curiosity and independent thinking, and contributed to your knowledge of the subject matter.
Lectures were good, I liked the presentations and the discussions that went on during class, it allowed the class to not be 80 minutes of one voice talking.

Papers, Reports, Problem Sets, Examinations, Critiques

Please comment on the guidance of the instructor(s) in preparing you to do written work, comments in response to written work, and the overall value of the papers, reports, exams, problem sets, and critiques to the course.
Well informed on how to do the papers and short weekly reflections for the course.

Readings and Visuals

Please comment on the quality of the readings and visuals in the course. Did the readings and visuals present the subject matter clearly? To what extent did the readings and visuals stimulate your intellectual curiosity and independent thinking?
Definitely nice mix of videos and good readings, would be nice to incorporate a lot more topical readings.

Overall Quality of the Course

Please comment on the overall quality of the course. What worked particularly well and in what ways might the course be improved?
This is a good course taught by a good teacher, good to see a wide range of topics about Latinos, might be able to improve by incorporating a few more topics and possibly learn more about important Latinos in America.