

LGBT: Diversity and Sexual Identity in Latin America

Course code: SOCY 3050

Total contact hours: 48 hours

Pre-requisite: None

Course Overview

This course will study the LGBTQI+ community and related social issues in the Latin American Context. Special attention will be given to the Costa Rican case study where sexuality, identity, expression, health, community, family, and other social, political and lifestyle issues will be discussed.

This course offers students one of the only opportunities to study LGBTQ+ Latin American dynamics and issues. It is one of the first of its kind in the region and a pioneering offer for study abroad students in the Costa Rican setting. This is a young but growing field of study in Latin America and definitely one that deserves much attention, especially as the Latin American region is home to some of the most homophobic countries in the world, and at the same time undergoing radical change in terms of its acceptance of the complete spectrum of sexuality and identity expression.

This course has three main objectives:

- 1) Students will be invited to explore LGBTQI+ Latin American community issues.
- 2) To appreciate how particular countries are advancing in relation to equality before the law while studying the social groups pushing for change, and
- 3) To critically assess present day contexts that are struggling with recently developed anti-discriminatory frameworks.