

PORT 785: Special Topics in Brazilian Culture and Literature Studies - “Afro-Latin American Cultures”

3 credit hour course for Spring 2024

TuTh 1:00 – 2:15pm, Wescoe 4075

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Course Description:

This is a survey course about the history of the Afro-descendant communities in Latin America with an emphasis on the cultural productions of these groups. We will analyze how Afro descendants have represented themselves and been represented in literature, cinema, and music. We will also discuss how they have used art as a form of self- and political- expression. Students will acquire a solid view of the history of race relations in countries such as Cuba, Colombia, Brazil, Mexico, and Argentina, and understand the role that African identity has played in the formation of these national cultures.