

## **CAR332Y0**

### **Puerto Rican Culture and Environment**

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#### **Course Description**

Based on readings, lectures, experiential activities and discussions, this course will examine the cultural and environmental history of Puerto Rico. The course will explore debates on colonialism, capitalist modernity, economic development, environmental sustainability, ecosystems, religion, race, and politics. This analysis will help with the consideration of Puerto Rico as the last colony of the Americas within the larger context of the Caribbean. Term work will be based on response papers, two partial exams and participation in class debates.

**Prerequisites:** Completion of 4.0 full-course equivalents by 2024 Winter term.

**Breadth Requirements** = Creative and Cultural Representations (category 1) + Society and Its Institutions (category 3)

#### **Evaluation:**

- 3 critical reflection papers – 30%
- 2 partial exams – 50%
- Participation – 20%

#### **SCHEDULE (DRAFT)**

The course will include on-site excursions related to the lectures and reading materials.

#### **WEEK 1 Puerto Rican History and Cultural Identity**

- **Excursions:** Old San Juan, Taller Comunidad La Goyco

#### **WEEK 2 Environmental Sustainability in Puerto Rico**

- **Excursions:** Casa Pueblo, Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico

#### **WEEK 3 Puerto Rico: Imperial Laboratory**

- **Excursion:** [El Yunque National Forest](#)

#### **WEEK 4 Puerto Rican Foodways**

- **Excursion:** [San Juan Bay National Estuary](#) (Piñones Forest)