In this course, we will dive into the fascinating history and rich contemporary practice of religion in Latin America from pre-contact indigenous cultures to present diversity. Subjects will range widely (though not comprehensively) through a variety of religious traditions that characterize Latinx cultures in the Americas. The contributions of Indigenous, African, and European traditions as well as the extraordinary combinations that resulted from their interactions will provide the content of study, while thematic tensions between violence and healing, authority and social change, as well as locality and movement will provide wider points of comparison. Specific topics covered include Mesoamerican religions, colonial hybridizations, church-state conflicts, borderland saints, evangelical growth, New Religious Movements, and African diaspora religions like Candomblé, Santería, and Vodou.

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