Students in this class will keep developing their language skills to communicate efficiently in the written form by a) engaging in intensive and frequent practice in writing to develop reading comprehension and academic writing skills; b) exploring, reflecting and discussing cultural similarities and differences between a variety of Spanish-speaking countries; c) reading, reflecting, and discussing past and current historical events that have shaped Latin America (e.g., the colonization, the sociocultural features of various indigenous populations nowadays, cultural traditions, etc.); d) reviewing diverse grammatical structures in context.