Focuses on some aspects of literature, art, cultural production, history of the multifaceted Latino cultures that have developed within the United States. Can focus on one group, such as Caribbean Americans, Chicanos, Central Americans, or take a comparative perspective of several groups.

Requirements
1. Attendance is obligatory.
2. Read required texts. In order to guarantee quality discussion, the student must read all assigned readings before coming to class. Students are responsible for all materials on the designated day of the syllabus. Please note written assignments must be submitted on time.
3. Prepare notes and questions on texts, films, lectures and discussion to participate in class and help you with written assignments.
4. There will be three written assignments dealing with required texts or a related issue. Essays must be prepared on computer or typed. Content and composition will be considered equally.

Required Reading
Two Badges the Lives of Mona Ruiz (1997) Mona Ruiz with Geoff Boucher
Capirotada A Nogales Memoir (1999) Alberto Alvaro Ríos
When I Was Puerto Rican (1993) Esmeralda Santiago
Blessed by Thunder Memoir of a Cuban Girlhood (1999) Flor Fernandez Barrios
Rediscovering Cuba A Personal Memoir (2001) Jorge Reyes

APRIL
M 3 Introduction: Text, Intertext, Context
W 5 Introduction: Autobiography, Memoir Theory
F 7 Migration

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W 12 “Mi Familia”
F 14 “Mi Familia”
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MID-TERM TAKE-HOME EXAM
F 28 When I Was Puerto Rican (1993) Esmeralda Santiago
MID-TERM TAKE-HOME EXAM DUE
MAY
W  3  *When I Was Puerto Rican* (1993) Esmeralda Santiago
F  5  "Almost a Woman"

M  8  "Almost a Woman"
W 10  "Almost a Woman"

F 19  "Before Night Falls"

M 22  "Before Night Falls"
ESSAY DUE
W 24  "Before Night Falls"
F 26  *Blessed by Thunder Memoir of a Cuban Girlhood* (1999) Flor Fernandez Barrios

M 29  FIESTA
*Blessed by Thunder Memoir of a Cuban Girlhood* (1999) Flor Fernandez Barrios
W 31  *Blessed by Thunder Memoir of a Cuban Girlhood* (1999) Flor Fernandez Barrios

JUNE
F  2  *Blessed by Thunder Memoir of a Cuban Girlhood* (1999) Flor Fernandez Barrios

M  5  *Rediscovering Cuba A Personal Memoir* (2001) Jorge Reyes
W  7  *Rediscovering Cuba A Personal Memoir* (2001) Jorge Reyes
Questions and Beginnings

M 12  FINAL ESSAY DUE  12 10:30-12:30

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