

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE FRASER VALLEY**

**COURSE INFORMATION**

**DISCIPLINE/DEPARTMENT:** Social, Cultural & Media Studies (O)01(es)TJ/T3

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**METHODS:**

Lecture and seminar discussion

**STUDENT EVALUATION PROCEDURE:**

Research paper	40%
Seminar presentation, participation and short essay	35%
Final take-home final exam	25%

**COURSE CONTENT:**

The course will deal with the following topics:

- the spiritual Conquest of the sixteenth century and its legacy
- syncretic religion and Folk Catholicism
- liberation theology
- the "old" church and the "new"
- the organizational structure of the church and its significance
- the "new" church and state repression
- the political act, the "new" church and "old" regimes
- the rise of Protestantism
- case studies
  - Brazil
  - Mexico
  - Guatemala
  - Nicaragua