

## **Caribbean Societies (LCS 01:595:297)**

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*Fulfills Society, Community, and Environment Distribution for LCS Major/Minor*

This course examines Caribbean societies through the perspective of social development. The course surveys the social, economic, political, and cultural realities in contemporary Caribbean societies with an eye to the policy interventions devised to address them. The course is divided in two parts. In the first part, students are introduced to the central policy areas for social and economic development in the Caribbean, the definition of a social problem, and the history and theory behind ideas of development. In the second part, students examine a number of social development areas in order to assess the policies utilized to address them and begin to think about alternative social policy directions.

### **Course Learning Goals**

A complete description of Department Learning Goals and Major/Minor requirements can be found on the LCS website: <http://latcar.rutgers.edu/>

### **Required Reading\***

Readings and other materials are available on the course Sakai site.

\*Consult Rutgers Barnes & Noble for current books for the course.

### **Evaluation\***

Class Participation	= 10%
Theory Position Paper (2-3 pages)	= 20%
Case Study Position Presentation	= 20%
Social Development Policy Brief (7-10 pages)	= 30%
Final Exam	= 20%

\*This synopsis is intended for informative purposes only; it is provisional and subject to change before the beginning of the semester.