The 20th century ushered in many social, economic, and political changes in Latin America. The Mexican Revolution of 1910, the Colombian Violencia of the 1940s, the 30-year Trujillo dictatorship in The Dominican Republic, the Cuban Revolution of 1959, and the Argentinean Dirty War of the 1970s and 80s are just some of the events that greatly impacted the Continent.

In this course, we will examine and discuss some of these events through the reading of contemporary Latin American literary works. We will read a selection of authors coming from very diverse countries and cultural environments and who have been internationally recognized for their unique style, their artistry and their representation of Latin American culture. By exploring the rich literature of Latin America, we will develop an understanding of some of its contemporary issues.