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Carnival
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Carnival is arguably Brazil’s most well-known and iconic popular celebration. Throughout the entire country, millions take to the streets to take part in this cultural practice rooted in European traditions that date back to pre-Christian times. In this course, we will explore the cultural origins of carnival in Europe, its manifestations in different parts of the world, and then focus on traditions specific to Brazil.

We will read reflections by anthropologists, ethnographers, and cultural critics to understand how carnival reverses roles and overturns hierarchies as a form of temporary liberation from dominant power structures. We will also survey the representation of carnival in various forms of media.

Taught on location in Curitiba, Brazil, during the carnival season, students will have the opportunity to learn experientially by witnessing and partaking in carnival celebrations and reflecting on the lived experience of these practices.

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