COURSE DETAIL

US-MEXICO BORDERLANDS
Country United Kingdom - England
Host Institution King's College London
Program(s) King's College London
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) International Studies History
UCEAP Course Number 159
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title US-MEXICO BORDERLANDS
UCEAP Transcript Title US-MEX BORDERLANDS
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
This course discusses the history of the area surrounding the present-day political boundary between the United States and Mexico. The course examines first contacts between Spanish explorers and native peoples and continues through NAFTA, the war on drugs, and the contemporary migration crisis. The course explores common trends in regional history that nation-based surveys and nationalistic media coverage tend to overlook. The course charts the emergence of the border as a political boundary, a social space, and a cultural entity. Course discussions focus on three central themes: (1) competition for land and resources; (2) cultural contact, conflict, and change; and (3) the rise of the nation-state. The course covers the various ways that the Spanish Empire, the United States, and Mexico attempted to impose and enforce their borders, and considers the usefulness of the term borderlands to describe this region before and after the current U.S.-Mexico border was charted in 1854.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus
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History

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