

# 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**

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**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

## Host Institution Course Number

5AAH1075

## Host Institution Course Title

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## Host Institution Campus

King's College London

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

History

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