

History of Gender and Ethnic Identity in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands

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This course explores the interdependent, yet often contentious, relationships along the U.S. and Mexico border from the sixteenth century to the present with a focus on gender and ethnic identity. We will analyze daily life along the borderlands by focusing on the roles of ethnic identity, national identity, and gender in shaping interactions and strategic uses of the border. We will question the social constructions of gender and borders to challenge preconceptions of "female" and "male," and the nation-state.

