

HISTORY 4313: United States – Mexico Border (SPRING, 2009)

Time: 11:00 am - 12:15 pm TR

Location: Academic Building, Rm. 225

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Office Hours: MWF – 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

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This course examines the evolution of the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands and the important issues that have affected the development of the region including the creation and maintenance of the international boundary, binational relations, the Mexican Revolution, economic development, migration, the nature of border society, and ethnic relations. The course also examines contemporary issues that continue to impact the region and the daily lives of residents on both sides of the border as well as the policies implemented by both the U.S. and Mexican governments to address and resolve some of these issues.

Required Readings:

Oscar Martínez, ed., *The U.S. Mexico Borderlands: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*

David E. Lorey, *The U.S.-Mexican Border in the Twentieth Century*

Ted Conover, *Coyotes: A Journey Through the Secret World of America's Illegal Aliens*

Please note that additional readings will be required throughout the semester.

Course Requirements

Exam 1	25% (blue book, short identification and essays)
Exam 2	25%
Final Exam	25%
Discussion/Attendance	25%

General Thoughts:

Honesty and integrity are critical character values. Cheating will not be tolerated. You must attend every class meeting. Please arrive to class on time. All students must be familiar with the ASU Student Handbook and the Academic Honor Code. The handbook can be obtained through the university website located at the following address:

www.angelo.edu. Please turn off your cell phones while in the classroom. Some things to consider for discussion include identifying major themes, posing major questions you have about the material, and presenting your opinion of the readings.

Persons with disabilities: Persons with disabilities who require certain accommodations must contact the Student Life Office located in room 112. You are encouraged to make this request as early as possible during the semester so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Make-Up Exam Policy: Students must have a documented reason in order to miss or make-up an examination. The make-up examination will differ significantly from the classroom examination. Make-up examinations will be administered at the end of the semester.

Final Exam – Policy Paper: The final examination will be a policy paper in which the student will identify a significant problem of the United States – Mexico border region and present a solution. At least two primary sources must be utilized as well as several secondary sources. The paper must be at least ten pages in length. Papers longer than 10 pages will not be accepted. Students must submit a thesis statement by the end of the second week followed by a general outline the following Friday.

Week 1

01/20 Introduction

01/22 Borders and Frontiers – Class Discussion

Week 2

01/27 Spanish Exploration and Colonialism

01/29 Late Spanish Colonialism and Mexican Independence

Readings: Lorey, *The U.S.-Mexican Border in the Twentieth Century*, 1-28
Martínez, ed., *U.S. Mexico Borderlands*, Introduction

Week 3

02/03 Westward Expansion in the United States

02/05 United States – Mexico War, The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and the Gadsden Treaties.

Readings: Lorey, *The U.S.-Mexican Border in the Twentieth Century*, 28-33
Martínez, ed., *U.S. Mexico Borderlands*, 1-43

Week 4

02/10 Filibustering, Lawlessness, and Border Strife on the Border after the 1840s

Readings: Martínez, ed., *U.S. Mexico Borderlands*, 45-84

02/12 Indians on the Border

Readings: Martínez, ed., *U.S. Mexico Borderlands*, 50-57

Week 5

02/17 Class Discussion

02/19 Economic and Social Change in the Borderlands, 1848-1900
Readings: Martínez, ed., *U.S. Mexico Borderlands*, 85-106

Week 6

02/24 Video/Review

02/26 **Exam 1**

Week 7

03/03 Porfirian Mexico

03/05 The Mexican Revolution on the Border
Readings: Lorey, *The U.S.-Mexican Border in the Twentieth Century*, 35-76
Martínez, ed., *U.S. Mexico Borderlands*, 107-147

Week 8

03/10 The Mexican Revolution on the Border Cont.

03/12 Economic and Social Change in the Borderlands, 1900-1940
Readings: Lorey, *The U.S.-Mexican Border in the Twentieth Century*, 77-92
Martínez, ed., *U.S. Mexico Borderlands*, 151-174

Week 9

03/17 Spring Break!

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Week 10

03/24 Boom and Bust in the Mexican Border Cities: Economics and Social Change in the Era of Prohibition, Depression, and Revolutionary Reform, 1920-1940
Readings: Francisco E. Balderrama and Raymond Rodríguez, *Decade of Betrayal*, "Mexican Repatriation in the 1930s," 97-125.

03/26 Wartime and Post-War Expansion and Social Change in the U.S. West, 1940-1965
Readings: Lorey, *The U.S.-Mexican Border in the Twentieth Century*, 93-114
Martínez, ed., *U.S. Mexico Borderlands*, 175-186

Week 11

03/31 Video

04/02 Mexican Immigration and Social Conditions in the Southwest, 1848-1920

Week 12

04/07 Mexican Immigration, 1920-1940

Readings: Francisco E. Balderrama and Raymond Rodríguez, *Decade of Betrayal: Mexican Repatriation in the 1930s*, 97-125

04/09 Mexican Immigration, 1940-1990

Readings: David Gutiérrez, *Walls and Mirrors*, "The Contradiction of Ethnic Politics, 1940-1950"

Week 13

04/14 Class Discussion

04/16 **Exam II**

Week 14

04/21 Contemporary History of the Border Region, 1965-Present

Readings: Martínez, ed., *U.S. -Mexico Borderlands*, 190-226
Lorey, *The U.S.-Mexican Border in the Twentieth Century*, 117-147.

04/23 Evolution of Binational Relations, Cooperation, Urbanization and Social Change in the Borderlands 1940-1990s

Readings: Lorey, *The U.S.-Mexican Border in the Twentieth Century*, 153-179
Martínez, ed., *U.S. Mexico Borderlands*, 227-242

Week 15

04/28 Ethnic Relations, Identity, and Border Society

Readings: Martínez, ed., *U.S. Mexico Borderlands*, 244-255

04/30 Crime and the United States-Mexico Border

Week 16

05/05 Crime and the United States-Mexico Border cont.

05/07 Class Discussion

Readings: Timothy J. Dunn, *The Militarization of the U.S.-Mexico Border 1978-1992*, "Conclusion."