This course will review history of the Southwest from pre-conquest and Spanish colonization to U.S. invasion and its aftermath. Some of the topics for discussion will be: perspectives on Western history; pre-columbian societies of the southwest; early exploration and colonization in northern and northwestern New Spain; Native American and Spanish Colonial frontier race and economic relations; the creation of frontier societies; Mexican independence and its consequences for the borderlands populations; American invasion and its aftermath.

Course Requirements and Grading: Regular attendance and participation in class are required of all students. Course evaluation will be based on an exam, and attendance and participation. The following calculation will be used to determine the final grade: class attendance and discussion participation 25%; final exam 75%.

Required Readings: Readings will be compiled in a Reader available at University Readers; on reserve at the Humanities and Social Sciences Library; and handed out in class. Students should be prepared to discuss the reading assignments in class.

Schedule of Discussion Topics:

Week 1 - Wednesday, July 2- Friday, July 4

- Perspectives on Western and Southwestern Historiography
- Indigenous Cultures and Social Organization
- The Northern Frontier Native American Societies
- Western Outlook, Native Civilization and the Significance of Oral Tradition

Week 2 - Wednesday, July 9 - Friday, July 11

- Early Spanish Exploration and Conquest
- Early Colonization and Missionization Efforts in New Mexico
- The Eighteenth Century: A New Approach to Colonization?
- Competition for New Spain’s Northern Frontier


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Week 3 – Wednesday, July 16 - Friday, July 18

- Early Settlement of Texas: A Strategy for Imperial Control of Land and Trade
- The “Colonization” of Texas: 19th C American In-migration and Settlement
- European Rivalries and Frontier Instability: Presidial Reorganization
- Manifest Destiny and the Republic of Texas: The struggle for power in the Borderlands


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Week 4 - Wednesday, July 23 - Friday, July 25

- Indigenous Cultures of the Californias
- Early Exploration of the Californias
- The Mission System in the Californias
- Foreign Interest and Settlement in Alta California

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**Week 5 - Wednesday, July 30-Friday, August 1**

- *Mexican Independence & the Changing Social and Economic Environment of Mexico’s Northern Territories*
- *The Santa Fe Trail: Trail of Trade, Trail of Conquest*
- *American Incursion, Transition and Change*
- *Conquest, Accommodation, Resistance*


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*Final Exam – Due Friday, August 1 by 3:30 PM at the Ethnic Studies Department Main Office, Social Science Bldg., 2nd Floor, Rm. 201.*