Much of the immigration debate in the United States centers on issues of border enforcement and the US-Mexico border has become ubiquitous in popular representations of migration control. Common understandings of globalization, moreover, highlight the intensified flow of people, goods, services, capital, and information across international borders. This course explores the industrialization of the Southwest and northern Mexico, cultures of migration and the creation of “Greater Mexico,” and gender constructions in the borderlands. Our main class objective will be to better understand how the United States and Mexico shape the border and the lives of the people who inhabit the borderlands and, just as importantly, how border dwellers engage both states and the international boundary.

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