

# MEXICAN AMERICANS IN THE SOUTHWEST



*Employment*

*Education*

*Migration and movement*



*AMS 3343, BBL 3033, and MAS 3033*

## **Course Description:**

A lecture/discussion course presents an overview of the historical foundations of the United States/Mexico biculturalism in the Southwest. An examination of the historical forces that created and shaped the Mexican American people as a bicultural community. It examines social, political, and cultural forces that created and gave shape and meaning to the experiences of Mexican Americans or Chicanos/as. Focus is on Chicanas/os in the Southwest from earliest to contemporary times.

## **If you are interested in gaining knowledge about the:**

- Economic, social, and cultural forces in the making of Texas and the Southwest.
- Social, political, and cultural climate that gave meaning to Mexican American or Chicana/o identities.
- Historical arguments that frame Chicana/o experiences in the Southwest since the 1840s up to contemporary times.
- Discuss concepts learned through the retrieval of personal, family, and community histories.