Course Title: The History of Latinos in the United States
Course Description & Objectives

Even before the U.S. existed as a republic, people from “Hispanic” and Indo-America have been incorporated into the culture, history, life, and occupational fabric of the United States. Yet, various forces in American society have frequently perceived Latin American heritage people as members of an “alien” culture. This course will examine how people from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, and other Latin America nations became “American,” while still remaining a racial or cultural “other” to many mainstream Anglo Americans. We will also examine how “Spanish,” “Hispanics,” “Chican@s,” “Latinx” adjusted, integrated, assimilated, resisted, and adapted to the many political, cultural, social, and economic forces that affected their lives in the U.S. and how they created new ethnic, racial and local identities in the process. By studying the experience of U.S. Latinx and Latin American immigrants with an eye toward patterns of citizenship, identity formation, political mobilization, ethnic culture, community maturation, labor struggles, and social mobility, we will map out the heterogeneous mosaic of Latin American and Caribbean diasporas in the U.S.

Required Readings

Additional readings posted to Canvas