Minor in Border Studies

Border Studies is a trans-disciplinary study of the material and symbolic processes of border making, erasing, and transcending. Our approach is the policy-practice-perception study of borders as culturally, historically, and spatially produced material and symbolic landscapes. Studying borders teaches us that societies are complex, contested, and power-laden hybrid spaces and processes that deepen our understanding of how people relate to each other across borders and barriers: political, social and cultural. Special focus will be given to the Mexican and American border area and its impact across our continent and our academic fields study.

Requirements for a minor in Border Studies (18 units)

Complete at least 18 units from three different programs. A minimum of 6 units must be upper-division. Select courses from the following list: (18)

ANTH 1002 Understanding Cultural Diversity
ANTH 3603 Gendered Worlds: Power, Difference, and Inequality
ANTH 3606 Indigenous Politics
ANTH 3701R Cultures of Mexico and Central America
ART 2329 Xicanx Art
ART 2400 Introduction to Chicanx Art
ART 3760 Border Art
AH 3210 Visualizing Gender, Performing Identity
AH 3250 Topics and Themes of Art History and Exhibitions
AH 4250 Art History Seminar
CAL 3350 Latinx Border Identity: A Transmedia Perspective
COMM 3319 Topics in Media Studies
COMM 3339 Topics in Film Studies
COMM 4302 Latinx, Media, and Cultures
ENG 3000 Studies in Global Literatures
ENG 3140 Native American and Indigenous Literatures
ENG 3230 Chicana/o Literature
ENG 3260 Caribbean Literature
ENG 3500 Literary Movements: Aesthetics and Craft
ENG 5020 English Study Abroad
ES 1000 Introduction to Ethnic Studies
ES 1020 Introduction to Chicana/o/x and Latina/o/x Studies
GEOG 3060 Political Geography
GEOG 4055 US-Mexico Border Region
GEOG 4060 Emerging World Regions
GEOG 4070 Advanced World Regions
GEOG 4450 Globalization and Identity
GEOG 5150 Global Governance and the United Nations System
HIST 3420 American Indian History
HIST 3710 California Indian History
HIST 5680 History of the U.S. - Mexico Borderlands
PA 5900 Special Topics in Public Administration
SOC 4420 The Latino Experience in the U.S.
SOC 4510 Sociology of Migration
SOC 5250 Indian Nations and Native America
SOC 5510 Borders, Knowledges, and Identities
SOC 5450 Indigenous Peoples
HSCI 4210 Cultural Competency
HSCI 4212 Topics about Special Populations
SPAN 2900 Spanish Literature and Film in English
SPAN 3900 Voices & Visions from the Hispanic World

Total Units 18