



LALS 395

El Rancho in History & Culture

The year 2021 marked the 500th anniversary of the introduction of Spanish cattle into New Spain (Mexico and the Southwestern and Western U.S.). Old World cattle, along with the horse, another Spanish introduction, were instrumental in the colonization and economic development of the New World—nowhere more so than in the northern Mexico and the American Southwest. For centuries the rancho has endured as dwelling and commercial enterprise, but it is also a symbol and idea that anchors Borderlands Mexican cultural identity. This course explores the history and culture of ranching in northern Mexico and the American Southwest, while investigating how things ranchero continue to inform Mexican and Mexican American identity and culture, from: the banalities of ranch work; the politics of land tenure; representations in music; the moving image; architecture; and folk, popular, and material culture.

May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite(s): two 200-level LALS courses; junior standing or above or consent of the instructor

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3:00pm–4:15pm

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