The University of Texas at San Antonio  
Department of Bicultural Bilingual Studies 

BBL 2033 Cultures of the Southwest

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Course Description:
A panoramic study of the concept of culture and the social dynamics of exchange among those ethnic groups that determine the multicultural milieu of the Southwest. Examination of cultural differences and similarities among all peoples of the region and the role of multiculturalism in politics, arts, economics, religion, and everyday life.

Course Objectives:
This course gives a broad overview of different cultural groups of the Southwest within a socio-cultural context. We will analyze the social, economic and political factors that have influenced different cultural groups in the Southwest and examine the impacts of inter-group and intra-group class and social structure. Finally, we will come to understand that the Southwest represents a geo-political region as “borderlands.”

Required Texts
Davis, Mike 2001 Magical Urbanism: Latinos Reinvent the US City
Griffin-Pierce, Trudy 2000 Native Peoples of the Southwest
Massey, Sara R. 2000 Black Cowboys of Texas
Melendez, Gabriel A.; Young Jane M.; Moore, Patricia; Pynes, Patrick 2000 The Multicultural Southwest: A Reader

- Additional Articles that are distributed by the instructor in class.

Grade Calculation
20% Attendance and Participation
20% Quizzes
20% Mid-term
20% Research Paper Development (Outline, Introduction, First Draft, Second Draft)
20% Final Exam (Final Research Paper)

You must complete all assignments in order to receive a grade in this class. ALL writing assignments must be turned in typed at the beginning of the class on which they are due. Please format them with one-inch margins on each side, using double
spaces. Please cite all sources using APA format. Samples of these formats can be found on the Internet.

Assignments
1. Quizzes will be general knowledge over the readings and presentations in class.

2. The Mid-Term Exam will cover all readings and presentations up to the date of the exam.

3. You will write a five-page research paper incorporating the course materials. Details about this assignment will be distributed in class.