Become an expert in borderlands territory

We believe the study of how borders can both separate and bring people together is fundamental to understanding the human condition. We’re the only program in the nation that focuses specifically on the populations of the United States/Mexico transborder space and beyond. We offer a bachelor’s degree and minor in Transborder Chicana/o and Latina/o studies, with various areas of focus that enable our students to learn firsthand as they help our faculty create social change that positively affects policy and helps develop more prosperous and sustainable transborder communities in our globalized world.

Inspire and empower

When you give to the School of Transborder Studies at Arizona State University, you become a partner in the academic success of our students, the research discoveries of our faculty and the continued effort to make the world better. From scholarship support to funding for a specific research cause, your generosity and continued investment impact our community profoundly. Your charitable contributions enable our school to achieve the highest standards of excellence, access and impact.

My Transborder Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies major has helped me learn about the Latinx perspective on a lot of the things I learn in my political science and history classes. It is a very cohesive academic experience for me.

— Diane Solorio, Student, School of Transborder Studies
Leading global impact and innovative solutions

The School of Transborder Studies' pioneering teaching and research programs build on the expertise of an interdisciplinary faculty, integrating knowledge and public policy implications for transborder communities in Arizona and beyond. By leveraging our location at the Arizona-Sonora transborder region and ASU's strong global orientation, we explore new ways of understanding borders and promoting cross-border cooperation, while rigorously educating the next generation of border leaders.

Borders: past, present and future

The School of Transborder Studies, the only one of its kind in the United States, promotes academic excellence and social change by developing cutting-edge interdisciplinary knowledge regarding the populations of the U.S.-Mexico transborder space and beyond. We affect social change by developing and nurturing integrated scholarship and teaching, leading to more successful and sustainable transborder communities.

Cultivating an inclusive environment

Our school is driven by inclusion and diversity. Through scholarly publications, teaching and community efforts, we are engaged in impactful interdisciplinary research across borders: regionally, nationally and internationally.

Regents professor receives prestigious award

Carlos G. Vélez-Ibáñez’s lifelong work and contributions to the field of anthropology earned him the Franz Boas Award for Exemplary Service to Anthropology by the American Anthropological Association. During his career, he has published 75 articles and chapters and 12 books.

Research that advocates for Latinx communities

Gilberto Lopez, a new assistant professor at the School of Transborder Studies, strives to gain a more holistic understanding of various public health issues in minority communities. Taking a mixed-method approach to his research, Lopez combines his social science background and public health expertise to explore the ways health disparities among minorities can be reduced.

Dean's Medalist gives back during pandemic

Lorena Austin, alumna and dean’s medalist, uses her language and leadership skills to volunteer with the United Food Bank and República Empanada. Austin credits her coursework at the School of Social Transformation for helping her best serve marginalized communities, especially Latinx and Indigenous populations in the Southwest.