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. And 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 of Arts and minor in Transborder Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies, with various areas of focus which 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 impacts our community profoundly. Your charitable contributions enable our school to achieve the highest standards of excellence, access and impact.

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I wanted to join a program that offered education about our history in the way I needed it, while also enabling me to organize in my community by meeting people with the same passion for social justice.

–Tomas Robles, on why he majored in Transborder Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies

School of Transborder Studies

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**Leading global impact and innovative solutions**

Our faculty center both their research and classes on the continued inclusion and success of ASU students and our fundamental responsibility to the overall well-being of our communities and beyond. Politics and policy, immigration, culture, digital humanities, anthropology, ecology, and health are all areas of research focus in STS, fostering civic and democratic engagement and scholarly inquiry that is as interdisciplinary as it is innovative.

**Redeﬁning border land conversations**

During the annual Arizona-Sonora Colloquium hosted by the Program for Transborder Communities in STS, scholars from across the U.S. and Mexico participate in knowledge exchange, with a shared goal of resilience and improved public policy outcomes.

**Veteran alumnus spearheads activist nonprofit organization**

Tomas Robles, STS alumnus and veteran, joined local nonprofit LUCHA after graduating. Now LUCHA’s executive director, he has transformed the organization to fight for voter access and immigration empowerment.

**Professor’s research garners local and national recognition**

María Cruz-Torres’ research on Sinaloa’s seafood industry earned her the Victoria Foundation’s Outstanding Latina/o Faculty Award and election as a fellow for the American Association for the Advancement of Science.