

HIS 266
History of the United States West

Satisfies: USA

Thematic Categories: "Empires, Violence & Global Connections,"
"Health, Science & Environmental Change"

MWF: 10:00 AM - 10:53 AM

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This course examines the history of the U.S. West, a shifting region of Native North America that was the object first of Spanish, French, English, and then American settler-colonialism and empire with a unique relationship to the U.S. federal government, distinctive patterns of race relations, and a unique place in American cultural memory. This region that is now part of our nation has a much longer and more diverse story. It has a narrative peopled by many distinct indigenous peoples, Mexicans and Mexican Americans, Asians and Asian Americans, African Americans, and immigrants from European countries. However, the challenges faced by the various peoples who have called this region their home at one time, or another still make this the quintessential American story. Readings will be drawn from a textbook and supplementary historical documents and essays, amounting to roughly 50 pages of reading per week. Participation, in class writing, discussions, midterm, along with a final examination, serve as the basis for evaluation and final grade.