Focus on western racial and immigration history and U.S.-Mexico relations as a window on understanding issues of Mexican and Central America immigration, differences among immigrants, current and historical immigration policy and debates, and farmworker movements and cultures.

This course includes a visit from Helena Maria Viramontes, author of Under the Feet of Jesus (which we will read), a lyrical, powerful novel about the lives of children, men and women who endure a difficult existence and labor under dangerous conditions as migrant workers in California.