

# BORDERLANDS AND ETHNIC STUDIES

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## Borderlands and Ethnic Studies (BEST)

The BEST department originated at NMSU in 2022 because of long-standing requests from students, faculty, and the broader community. Faculty in the BEST Department are student-focused and respond to societal complexities through theoretical, structural, and historical lenses. We offer place-based curriculum that supports students' deeper understanding themselves, each other, and relations with the natural environment.

## BEST is home to three programs:

- Borderlands and Ethnic Studies (BEST (<https://best.nmsu.edu/programs/borderlands-ethnic-studies.html>))
- Chicana/o Studies (CCST (<https://best.nmsu.edu/programs/chicana-studies.html>))
- Native American Studies (NATV (<https://best.nmsu.edu/programs/native-american-studies.html>))

## We offer:

**Undergraduate Minors** in: Borderlands and Ethnic Studies, Chicana/o Studies, and Native American Studies

**Graduate Minors** in: Native American Studies and Decolonial Research

**Graduate Certificate** in Borderlands and Ethnic Studies