This course analyzes the complex process of how Latin American states constructed (and reconstructed) their national identities from the moment they achieved their independence until the present. Some of the main questions of this course are: How did Latin American states conceive nation after more than two hundred years of Spanish rule? How did states include/exclude multiracial groups into their national discourse? How did minorities and immigrants conceive nation? How were (or even, are) national identities constructed in Latin America? Drawing upon primary documents, audio/visual material, and studies produced by historians, this course will analyze those main questions. Finally, this course takes into account the key role of memory as social process in the construction of national identities and as a historical method to understand the past.

Meets non-US/non-European history requirement in the History major.