ANTH. 490C: Seminar in Anthropology: Cultural
Cultures of the Californias

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For thousands of years, the cultures of California and the Baja peninsula were shaped by shared
natural and cultural forces. This course surveys some of the prehistoric, historic and contemporary
cultures of Alta and Baja California. The class takes a broadly anthropological perspective, drawing
on archaeological, historical and ethnographic information. The course examines the region's
distinctive social and natural environments from the end of the last Ice Age to the present day,
including prehistoric cultural patterns, the impacts of the Spanish missions and European settlement
and the survival today of traditional lifeways that date back to previous centuries. The class
involves weekly teleconferencing with Mexican students and faculty at the Universidad Autónoma
de Baja California Sur, La Paz, Baja California Sur.

Prerequisites include completion of Anth. 375 and one upper-division cultural course.