This course will be devoted to the political, social, and cultural history of Mexico from independence to the present. Using journalistic accounts, videos, fiction, and scholarly works we will probe into the lives of Mexico’s diverse population and show that the country’s seemingly contemporary challenges involving migration, drug wars, insurgency, corruption, political gridlock, and others are in fact deeply rooted in the past. This is the second part of a two-quarter sequence devoted to the history and culture of Mexico. Although the two quarters cover consecutive historical periods, either may be taken independently.