

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title	Course Code Number	Credit Value
Sociology of migration	SOCI 303	3

PREREQUISITES

Course Restrictions: None

Pre-requisites: One of SOCI 100, SOCI 101, SOCI 102.

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COURSE STRUCTURE

Thirteen weeks with two 90-minute sessions per week. Thursdays are dedicated to lectures, Tuesdays focus on in-class activity, discussion and presentations.

The lectures are traditional style and at the end of the session the slides will be uploaded on Canvas

LEARNING OUTCOMES

International migration is a phenomenon changing the societies we live in, creating new challenges for politics and policies. The course aims to look at the multiple aspects – political, economic, social and cultural – of migratory flows and analyze their mutual relationship. To this purpose, it takes a distinctive interdisciplinary approach, drawing on historical, economic and sociological perspectives.

In particular, students will familiarize with: a) Historical roots of migration: from Colonialism & Imperialism to Decolonization & Neo-colonialism; b) Features of international migration in time (migratory waves) and space (Europe, North America, Asia); c) Categorization, patterns and intervening factors of migration; d) Theories of migration; e) The migration-and-development nexus and the globalization-and-migration interplay; f) Societal consequences of migration g) The role of the State and its policies

At the end of the course, students will have developed:

- a. A general understanding of international migration and its most recent tendencies
- b. A good knowledge of the main interpretive frameworks and the ability to use them in examining a specific migratory event.
- c. An appreciation of societal dynamics related to migratory flows

Overall, students will have acquired the concepts and tools needed for a critical approach to issues associated with international migration.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

There is no automatic penalization for missed classes, but participation is part of the evaluation process (see point a of the relevant paragraph). Moreover, although slides of the lectures are uploaded and made available to the students, missing classes makes it harder to fully appreciate the interconnections between the various topics the course focuses on.

LEARNING MATERIALS

A package of 12 readings (journal articles and/or chapters/books excerpts) is provided. Each text is chosen according to the issue dealt in a specific class. The readings are available on Canvas.

ASSESSMENTS OF LEARNING

a) *Reflection task on text sources and group discussion* (50%)

Every week students submit a 250-word reflection task on the week's reading. These comments are then presented to groups organized during class and provide the basis for a collective discussion on the topic. The in-group discussion is an important element in the learning process and the participation to the debate is a significant component (35% of the marking for this assignment) in the evaluation of this task; submitting the comment but failing to discuss it in class entails the loss of that component.

b) *A Final Take-Home Exam (Case study)* (50%)

The final assignment takes the form of a case study focusing on a migratory event chosen by the student. The analysis should make use of the theoretical frameworks, constructs and approaches discussed in class. Case studies may have a multimedia format (e.g. include slides, video) but they must in any case hinge upon a written text of 2200 words (bibliography excluded). This assignment is evaluated in content (Has an appropriate level of analysis been developed? Have concepts discussed during lectures been used to support the argument? Is the information presented accurate? Has a personal perspective been proposed? Have clear conclusions/implications been provided?) as well as in form (clarity of structure, appropriate referencing, attention to language conventions).

Bibliography must include eight sources from academic journals or publications.

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OTHER COURSE POLICIES

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Late assignments – Late assignments will receive a 10% grade penalization for each day of delay (re weekly comments see the relevant section in the Evaluation section point a). After three days of delay the assignment is automatically marked zero. Only documented reasons (medical reason, emotional hardship, work commitments, serious family problems) will be considered as a possible justification.

In-term concessions – Students must contact the instructor via email as soon as they are aware they may need an [in-term concession](#). I will adjudicate the request. Please include a Student Self-Declaration form, found on the [Arts Advising website](#). If you require a second concession, you must make your request to your Faculty Advising Office.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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SCHEDULE OF TOPICS

LECTURE AND READING SCHEDULE

(I reserve the right to make minor modifications/adjustments)

NB. Weeks below are defined by topics rather than by calendar

Week 1 (January 7): Course Intro (Basic Terms, Schedule, Literature, & Criteria for Evaluation)

Week 2 (January 9 & 14): Overview of Migratory Flows & History of Migration (the long boom)

Reading discussed: Messina A. (2007). 'The Origin and Trajectory of Post-WWII Immigration.' in *The Logic and Politics of Post-WWII Migration to Western Europe*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 19-33

Week 3 (January 16 & 21): History of Migration (2nd and 3rd waves)

Reading discussed: Messina A. (2007). 'The Origin and Trajectory of Post-WWII Immigration.' in *The Logic and Politics of Post-WWII Migration to Western Europe*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 33-53

Week 4 (January 23 & 28): Framing Migration: Categorizing & Measuring Migration

Reading discussed: Collyer, M. & De Haas, H. (2012). 'Developing Dynamic Categorisations of Transit Migration.' *Population, Space and Place*, vol. 18, n. 4, pp. 468-481.

Week 5 (January 30 & February 4): Explaining Migration: Models and Theories of Migration

Reading discussed: Massey, D. (2015). 'A Missing Element in Migration Theories.' *Migration Letters*, vol.12, n. 3, pp. 279-299.

Week 6 (February 6 & 11): Forced Migration

Reading discussed: Erdal, M.E. & Oeppen, C. (2018). 'Forced to leave? The discursive and analytical significance of describing migration as forced and voluntary.' *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, vol. 44, n. 6, pp. 981-998

Week 7 (February 13 & 25): The Migration-Development Nexus

Reading discussed: Haas de, H. (2007). 'Turning the Tide? Why Development Will Not Stop Migration.' *Development and Change*, vol. 38, n. 5, pp. 819-841

Week 8 (February 27 & March 3): Historical Perspective: Colonialism and Imperialism

Reading discussed: Cohen, R. (2006). 'Unfree Labour and Modern Capitalism.' In Cohen, R., *Migration and Its Enemies: Global Capital Migrant Labour and the Nation-state*. Fernham, Surrey: Ashgate Publishing, pp. 13-38

Week 9 (March 5 & 10): Historical Perspective: Decolonization and Neo-Colonialism

Reading discussed: Cohen, R. (2006). 'The Proletariat at the Gates: Migrants and Non-Citizen Labour 1850-2000.' In Cohen, R., *Migration and Its Enemies: Global Capital Migrant Labour and the Nation-state*. Fernham, Surrey: Ashgate Publishing, pp. 39-62

Week 10 (March 12 & 17): An Economic Perspective: Globalization and Migration

Reading discussed: Donato K.M. & Massey D.S. (2016). 'Twenty-First Century Globalization and Illegal Migration.' *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, vol. 666, n.1, pp. 7-26.

Week 11 (March 19 & 24): Societal Impact of Migration and Policies on Migration

Reading discussed: Portes, A. (2010). 'Migration and Social Change: Some Conceptual Reflections.' *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, vol. 36, n. 10 pp. 1537-1563.

Week 12 (March 26 & 31): The role of Countries of origin & Presentation of Final Examination

Reading discussed: Zolberg, A.R. (2012) 'Why not the Whole World? Ethical Dilemmas of Immigration Policy.' In Khory, K.R. (2012) *Global migration: Challenges in the twenty-first century*, New York: Palgrave McMillan US, pp. 211-231.

Week 13 (April 2 & 7): Available for consultation on Final Case Study

Reading discussed: Wilcox, S. (2009) 'The Open Borders Debate on Immigration.' *Philosophy Compass* 4/1: 1-9.

Final Examination (Case Study) – due date April 14