

Course Syllabus – Human Migration and Mobility

Course Information

Course number – GEOG 3359
Course title – Human Migration and Mobility
Term – Spring 2014
Section – 001
Classroom – ATC 1.305
Time – Tuesday/Thursday 11:30 am – 12:45 pm

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Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions

There are no formal prerequisites for this course. General academic skills of analytical thinking, comparison, essay writing, working with statistical material, map reading will be helpful. Previous coursework in Demographics or Introduction to World Geographic Regions is not essential but definitely helpful for this course. If you have not taken either of these please let me know.

Course Description

This course will explore human migrations and their consequences for societies. We will analyze the reasons of international migration, geography of migrant flows, and relationship between migration and the development of the places of origin. The course will examine labor migration, movements of displaced people as well as new types of mobility such as moves for education, marriage, retirement or in search of new life styles. Migration and security issues that have become a part of the concern of modern governments will also be discussed.

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

Students will learn fundamentals of migration process and how they apply to interpretation of modern migration flows. The students will appreciate migration as a key dynamic within globalization as it plays an essential part in economic and social change and contributes to a transformation of the international political order. Acquire the skill to analyze economic, social, and cultural implications of migration based on composition and geography of migrant flows. Students will engage in discussions how migration may affect bilateral and regional relations, security, national identity and sovereignty. Map reading will be reinforced.

This class will fulfill your C3 oral communication course requirement, should you choose to apply for the Certificate (<http://oue.utdallas.edu/home/c3/>).

Required Textbooks and Materials

Stephen Castles and Mark J. Miller. The Age of Migration: International Population Movement in the Modern World, 4th Edition (New York and London: The Guilford Press, 2009) ISBN 978-1-60623-069-5.
On-line Chapter Only: <http://www.age-of-migration.com/resources/aom-web-chapter.pdf>

Suggested Course Materials

Students are expected to take notes during PowerPoint presentations and complete assignments before due dates. Lecture material shall be complimented by reading the appropriate chapters in the book. It is suggested that students make it a daily habit to read a reputable daily newspaper online or in print. This will help relate learning with contemporary events and provide deeper understanding into class material.

Assignments & Academic Calendar

#	Class Date	Topic	Chapter
1	1/14/14	Challenges of Global Migration	Chapter 1
2	1/16/14	Challenges of Global Migration	Chapter 1
3	1/21/14	Theories of Migration	Chapter 2, Map Quiz
4	1/23/14	Theories of Migration	Chapter 2
5	1/28/14	Globalization, Development, and Migration	Chapter 3
6	1/30/14	Roundtable Discussion 1*	Brief is due.
7	2/4/14	History of Migration before the end of World War II	Chapter 4
8	2/6/14	History of Migration before the end of World War II	Chapter 4
9	2/11/14	Test 1	
10	2/13/14	International Migration since World War II: MDCs	Chapter 5
11	2/18/14	International Migration since World War II: MDCs	Chapter 5
12	2/20/14	International Migration since World War II: Asia-Pacific	Chapter 6
13	2/25/14	International Migration since World War II: Asia-Pacific	Chapter 6
14	2/27/14	International Migration since World War II: LDCs	Chapter 7
15	3/4/14	International Migration since World War II: LDCs	Chapter 7
16	3/6/14	Test 2	
17	3/18/14	State Attempts to Control International Migration	Chapter 8
18	3/20/14	State Attempts to Control International Migration	Chapter 8
19	3/25/14	Migration and Security	Chapter 9
20	3/27/14	Migrants and Minorities in the Labor Force	Chapter 10
21	4/1/14	Migrants and Minorities in the Labor Force	Chapter 10
22	4/3/14	Roundtable Discussion 2*	Brief is due.
23	4/8/14	Ethnic Minorities and Societies	Chapter 11, on-line
24	4/10/14	Ethnic Minorities and Societies	Chapter 11
25	4/15/14	Migrants and Politics	Chapter 12, on-line
26	4/17/14	Migrants and Politics	Chapter 12
27	4/22/14	Roundtable Discussion 3*	Brief is due.
28	4/24/14	Migration and Mobility in the Twenty-First Century	Chapter 13, on-line
29	4/29/14	Test 3	
30	5/1/14	Project Discussion. Closing Remarks. Show your work for bonus points.	Project* is due.

Grading Policy

You are required to complete all the assignments. There are 3 tests during the semester consisting of 20 multiple choice questions, a chart/graph/map to discuss, and an essay. Each test counts as 15% of your grade. There are 3 debate sessions in the course of the semester. Each debate includes a brief and classroom presentation /discussion participation. These are components of the grade assigned a value of 10%. The map quiz is 5%. The Final Project is to be turned in a hard copy or electronic format on the due date and is in lieu of the Final Exam for this course, it will have 20% value. Average of Tests 1 and 2 will make your Midterm Grade to be posted on **March 8, 2014**. *Instructions for each assignment are posted on e-learning. All graded material will be assigned a numerical value on a scale of 100. Letter Grades are given as follows: 97% and over A+; 93% to 96% A ; 90% to 92% A- ; 87% to 89% B+; 83% to 86% B; 80% to 82% B- ; 77% to 79% C+; 73% to 76% C ; 70% to 72% C- ; 67% to 69% D+ ; 63% to 66% D ; 60% to 62% D; Less than 60% F.

Course & Instructor Policies

Attendance is crucial for the successful learning and will be taken each class. Many of my lectures and our discussions will include materials not found in the text. As a result a good set of class notes will be extremely helpful if you plan excelling in this course. To claim a bonus point for classroom work you need to have a perfect set of notes covering every topic discussed. If you missed a class the notes should be made as you read the assigned chapter in the book.

Attendance and class participation will be used as deciding factors for borderline students. No makeup tests. (Individual consideration may be given in case of overwhelming circumstances). Although extra help may be provided to students, the professor will not hold alternate lectures or release lecture notes to students. Respectful discussions of the topics being studied are encouraged.

If you wish to look at the ancillary syllabus material, a link to that material is as follows
<http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies>.

These descriptions and timelines are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.