

Sociology 2: International Sociology

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SSLH 100

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Description

International sociology may cover many topics, such as systems of government, inequality among nations, or the globalization of trade. This course will bring together many of these varying topics along the theme of international migration. By exploring the economic and social relationships between countries of origin and countries of destination, the course will examine how social connections shape the number and type of people who migrate and how immigrants adapt in their new lands. It will also examine the economic effect that immigrants have on their host countries. Students should gain an appreciation for the major theories of migration, the varied ways that immigrants use their resources to adapt, and the difficulty of setting migration policy.

Requirements

- Two exercises (each 20 percent of grade)
- Midterm (20 percent of grade)
- Section participation (5 percent of grade)
- Final (35 percent of grade).

Readings

Required readings, available in bookstore:

From Ellis Island to JFK: New York's Two Great Waves of Immigration, by Nancy Foner. New Haven: Yale University Press, and New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2000.

Host Societies and the Reception of Immigrants, edited by Jeffrey G. Reitz. La Jolla: Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, 2003.

Other readings may be downloaded from the course web site. Some optional readings are on reserve in Langson Library.

For further reading, I particularly recommend:

America's Newcomers and the Dynamics of Diversity, by Frank D. Bean and Gillian Stevens. New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2003

Immigrant America, 2nd edition, by Alejandro Portes and Rubén G. Rumbaut. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996

NOTE: The course web site is (<http://eee.uci.edu/04f/69030/>). There you will find the syllabus, study guides, and lecture notes, as well as links to supplementary material.

Lectures and readings

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Introduction			Sept. 24
Week 1	Sept. 27	Sept. 29	Oct. 1
Lectures:	Types of migration	Ancient migration	“Coolies, Settlers, Sailors”
Readings:	<i>McNeill, “Human Migration in Historical Perspective” (on web site)</i>		
Week 2	Oct. 4	Oct. 6	Oct. 8
Lectures:	Migration theories	U.S. migration waves	Current migration flows
Readings:	<i>Foner, Ch. 1</i> <i>Brown and Bean, “International Migration” (on web site)</i> <i>Lee, “A Theory of Migration” (on web site)</i>		
Optional:	<i>LA Times series on one migrant’s journey: http://www.latimes.com/news/specials/enrique/</i>		
Week 3	Oct. 11	Oct. 13	Oct. 15
Lectures:	Where immigrants live	Role of ethnic enclave	Contexts of reception
Readings:	<i>Foner, Ch. 2</i> <i>Reitz, Ch. 6 (Alba et al.) and 8 (Model and Lin)</i>		
Optional:	<i>Portes and Rumbaut, Immigrant America, 2nd edition, Ch. 3 (on reserve)</i>		
Week 4	Oct. 18	Oct. 20	Oct. 22
Lectures:	Immigrant work	Gender and work	Social capital
Readings:	<i>Foner, Ch. 3-4</i> <i>Reitz, Ch. 7 (Reitz) and 9 (Tsuda et al.)</i>		
Week 5	Oct. 25	Oct. 27	Oct. 29
Lectures:	<u>Midterm</u>	Assimilation theories	Assimilation, redux
Readings:	<i>Foner, Ch. 5</i> <i>Bean, Stevens and Wierzbicki, America’s Newcomers, Ch. 5 (see web site)</i> <i>Reitz, Ch. 18 (Nee)</i>		
Optional:	<i>Reitz, Ch. 2 (Waldinger)</i> <i>Zhou, “Growing Up American” (see web site)</i>		
Week 6	Nov. 1	Nov. 3	Nov. 5
Lectures:	Race/ethnicity	Intermarriage	Transnationalism
Readings:	<i>Foner, Ch. 6</i> <i>Reitz, Ch. 5 (Boyd) and 15 (Castles)</i>		
Week 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 10	Nov. 12
Lectures:	Brain drain or money gain?	Educational attainment	Linguistic assimilation
Readings:	<i>Reitz, Ch. 17 (DeVoretz et al.)</i> <i>Foner, Ch. 7</i>		
Optional:	<i>Pew report on remittances (see link on web site)</i> <i>Lowell, “Skilled Migration Abroad or Human Capital Flight?” (see web site)</i> <i>Immigrant America, Ch. 6 (on reserve)</i>		

Week 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 17	Nov. 19
Lectures:	Citizenship	Political participation	Public reaction
Readings:	<i>Reitz, Ch. 13 (Bloemraad) and 14 (Light)</i> <i>Camarota, "Tired & Poor" (on web site)</i>		
Week 9	Nov. 22	Nov. 24	Nov. 26
Lectures:	Cost of immigration	Welfare usage	HOLIDAY
Readings:	<i>Reitz, Ch. 11 (Borjas)</i> <i>McCarthy and Vernez, Ch. 5-8 (see web site)</i>		
Optional:	<i>Bean and Stevens, Ch. 4 (on reserve)</i>		
Week 10	Nov. 29	Dec. 1	Dec. 3
Lectures:	Migration policy	Policy with Mexico	Wrap-up and review
Readings:	<i>Foner, Ch. 8</i> <i>Cornelius, "Evaluating Enhanced Border Enforcement" (see web site)</i> <i>Papademetriou, "The Mexico Factor in US Immigration Reform" (see web site)</i>		
Optional:	<i>Reitz, Ch. 16 (Martin)</i>		

Final exam: Friday, Dec. 10, at 8 a.m.

Academic honesty

All of your work should be entirely your own. Be sure to give proper citations and to rephrase ideas that you cite so as to avoid plagiarism. If you have questions, please consult the university's policy on academic honesty.

Also, it is your responsibility to keep a copy of your exercises, in the unlikely event that they get lost.