Introduction

This course examines how countries are responding to, and being transformed by, immigration. It addresses the central questions in the study of the politics of immigration and provides a comprehensive overview of the debates that have arisen among scholars in the field. Topics addressed include why people migrate, the determinants of anti-immigrant sentiment, the politics and determinants of immigration control policies, and immigrant inclusion and exclusion.

Requirements

- 5% Assignment 1
  - Due Thursday 2/2 at the beginning of class
  - Prompt to be distributed Week 3
- 35% Midterm Exam
  - Tuesday 2/16
  - Multiple-choice, short-answer, and essay questions
- 20% Research Paper
  - Due Thursday 3/16 at the beginning of class
  - 5 single-spaced pages, 1-inch margins, 12 point Times New Roman Font
  - Prompt to be distributed Week 3
- 40% Cumulative Final Exam
  - Thursday 3/21 8:00AM – 10:59AM
  - Multiple-choice, short-answer, and essay questions

Readings

*Understanding Contemporary International Migration: Theory and Evidence*


Recommended


**Anti-Immigrant Sentiment and the Contentious Politics of Immigration in the United States**


**Recommended**


**Current Trends in Immigrant Incorporation in the United States**

1/26 | **U.S. Census Bureau.** American Fact Finder, [http://factfinder2.census.gov/](http://factfinder2.census.gov/).


**Recommended**


**Immigration Politics in the United States: Part 1**


Recommended


Immigration Politics in the United States: Part 2


Recommended


Midterm Review 2/14

Midterm 2/16

Immigration Politics in the United States: Part 3


Recommended
Anti-Immigrant Sentiment and the Contentious Politics of Immigration in Comparative Perspective

2/23-28


**Recommended**


Eric Kaufmann and Gareth Harris. 2015. “White Flight or Positive Contact? Local Diversity and Attitudes to Immigration in Britain.” *Comparative Political Studies.*


Lenka Bustikova. 2014. “Revenge of the Radical Right.” *Comparative Political Studies.*


**The Mechanisms of Immigration Control**


**Recommended**


**The Determinants of Immigration Policy**


**Recommended**


**Final Review 3/16**

**Final 3/21 8:00AM – 10:59AM**