

## **Course syllabus**

MIGRATION ON THE MOVE

PSI 2218

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### **Availability**

By appointment.

### ***Course description***

The course aims to offer an overview of the defining features of one of the most salient and controversial contemporary issues. During the semester we will examine the main theories concerning migrations, characteristics of current trends, still evolving methods as well as difficulties in international management and the possible resolution of diverse issues.

Migration is a complex interdisciplinary global phenomenon that involves diverse concepts. The course will first introduce the main issues and theories of international migration then lay the international legal groundwork by explaining the basic principles of international refugee law, human rights law and European law. It will also try to address the sociological, political, criminological and media aspects of migration. Finally, it will put into perspective these complex issues through case studies. The course aims at highlighting the practical aspects of the questions therefore upon availability experts in the field (e.g. attorneys, judges, medical professionals, psychologists etc.) might also give lectures.

### ***Structure of the course***

In addition to lectures on the selected themes, the subject matters of course are going to be examined with the involvement of participants in the form of group projects of 2-3 persons presenting a multi-perspective analysis of a particular issue. These will be delivered during the second part of the course. Presentations will form an obligatory aspect of participation as one of the requirements for the successful completion of the course.

### ***Course objectives***

- Examine the legal and institutional framework of international migration;
- Examine the political ramifications of international migration;
- Critically evaluate the inherent tensions in different approaches to migration;
- Study different approaches to the management of migration in particular countries..

### ***Learning outcomes:***

- Students will get an overview of the underlying reasons of international migration;
- Students will receive a general understanding of the legal regulation of international migration;
- Students will develop a critical attitude to fundamental questions of international migration, its political and sociological ramifications and its media presentation.

### ***Required texts***

Class reader

Handouts/assigned reading

### ***Course content:***

1. Main issues and theories concerning migration
2. Fundamental concepts of public international law
3. Conceptual framework of international refugee law
4. General regulation of international and European human rights law
5. European legal regulation of migration
6. Detention and deportation
7. Trafficking in people
8. Migration and crime
9. Representation of migration issues in the media
10. Migration as a political challenge
11. Country studies: US, Australia, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Italy, Greece, Hungary

### ***Assignments & grading***

Grading system -- 100 points total

- \*mid-term exam (15 points)
- \*final exam (15 points)
- \*semester term paper (20 points total)
- \*term paper preparatory assignments (10 points total)
- \*presentation (20 points)
- \*class participation – reading reactions (20 points)

Standard scale: 100+ A+  
93-100 A  
90-92 A-  
88-89 B+  
83-87 B  
80-82 B-  
78-79 C+  
73-78 C

70-72	C-
68-69	D+
63-67	D
60-62	D-
< 60	F

### **Honor Code**

You are expected without question to adhere completely to the McDaniel College academic honor code. Any violation will result in a zero for the given assignment and other possible sanctions.