

University of Arkansas - Fort Smith
5210 Grand Avenue
P. O. Box 3649
Fort Smith, AR 72913-3649
479-788-7000

General Syllabus

GEOG 3113 Geography of International Migration

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite(s): GEOG 2753 World Regional Geography or
 GEOG 2773 Human Geography

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

A survey of the movement of peoples across the earth from/to Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia and the Americas, including types of migration, laws and regulations, and individual migration.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Define the different kinds of migration and the different kinds of migrants.
2. Describe the original diaspora of humans from Africa, Asia and the Americas.
3. Describe the different kinds of migration from 1500 to today.
4. Describe the current feminization of migration; e.g., “maid trade” and “sex slave trade.”
5. Define the three general types of migration theories: determinist, humanist and integrated.
6. Define and give examples of Universal Laws; Capital Maximization Approaches; Behavioral Models and Structural and Integrated Approaches to explaining migration.
7. Describe and analyze the discourse of assimilation including the concepts of assimilation, spatial assimilation, segmented assimilation, acculturation and integration.
8. Describe and analyze the ethnic enclave discourse including the positive and negative impacts on the immigrant of living in an ethnic enclave.

9. Describe, analyze, and give examples of the political, social and cultural implications of people moving from one country to another: on the immigrant, on the people in the sending country and on the people in the receiving country.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Communication Skills

Students will participate and lead class discussion regarding all aspect of global migration and the subsequent impact on the earth and its peoples.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will study global migration and the impact on human culture and history.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Different kinds of internal and international migration
- B. Different kinds of migrants; e.g., asylum seeker, illegal immigrant, economic migrant
- C. Original diaspora of humans from Africa, Asia and the Americas
- D. Different kinds of migration from 1500 to today
- E. Feminization of migration
- F. Migration theories: determinist, humanist and integrated
- G. Assimilation discourse
- H. Ethnic enclave discourse
- I. Political, social and cultural implications of migration