

EUS3400/INR 4931 Syllabus Migration in Europe: Special Topics: Migration, Race, Ethnicity in European Cultures

INR 4931

EUS 3400

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Office Hours

Wednesday 12:50-3:00 Turlington 3342; or By appointment

Course Schedule

MWF 10:40-11:30 (4th period)

Turlington 2346

Credit Hours

3

Course Information

This course is meant as a broad introduction to various issues related to the phenomenon of (im)migration in post WWII Europe. In recent years, migration has become defined as one of the most pressing “problems” facing the European Union. But how does/ did (im)migration affect nation states in Europe in the present, and in the past? What “spaces”

do nations provide for the formal or informal inclusion of migrants, and how does migration challenge the concept and institution of citizenship? Is the nation and national belonging an outdated concept, and should we think more in terms of transnational societies and solidarities? How accurate is the idea that European unification has resulted in a “fortress Europe” that systematically excludes non-European Others, and causes thousands of deaths each year along Europe’s points of entry such as the Mediterranean and Aegean Seas?

How can we understand and conceptualize different histories and trajectories of migration in Europe? What is “illegal” or irregular migration? Why are refugees often considered “illegal” migrants? How do human rights apply to the plight of refugees? How is migration in Europe related to histories of colonialism, the context of globalization, the process of European unification? How do race, gender, religion and class intersect in the experience of migration? What is the relation between immigration and ethnic residential segregation, spatial exclusion and ghetto formation, and urban unrest? How is immigrant and ethnic culture/ identity “different” and how does it express itself, in film, music, literature? Why is there a European wide backlash against migration and multi-culturalism in general, and Muslim migrants in particular? Why has wearing the “veil” become such a controversial issue?

The course is divided thematically, and tries to compare different European national, regional, supra-national and global contexts. We use film, music, and literature to unravel some of political and sociological aspects of the immigrant experience and to illustrate the concepts outlined and explained in the (more academically inclined) course readings.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This is a concept driven course. We will develop a conceptual apparatus to understand how cities are structured and have changed over time. Students will be evaluated on their familiarity with these concepts in their reading logs, midterm and research papers.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

ATTENDANCE AND PREPARATION:

Reading/Preparation:

This course will be conducted in seminar format. That means that each student is expected to come to each session prepared to discuss the readings assigned for that session. Reading

for the course will be posted on the Sakai website for the course. To make sure that you keep up with the assigned reading, you are required to keep a reading journal in response to Reading Questions which are due on Sundays 11:59 PM. Reading questions constitute 25% of your grade.

Attendance:

Please note that class attendance is required for this course and constitutes 5% of your grade.

You will be permitted 2 unexcused absences, after which you lose ALL your attendance points

if you are absent without proper reason and documentation. For all other absences you need an official note. I will circulate an attendance sheet,

which you should sign. Signing for others is considered academic dishonesty. Repeated absences may affect your performance on exams and assignments.

According to the Office of the Registrar, "acceptable reasons for absence from class include

illness, serious family emergencies, special curricular requirements, military obligation, severe

weather conditions, religious holidays and participation in official university activities such as

music performances, athletic competition or debate. Absences from class for court-imposed legal

obligations (e.g. jury duty or subpoena) must be excused."

(<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>)

Written Assignments:

Students will have to pass a (take home) midterm exam (**25%**) based on a written prompt; and hand in a research paper (**35%**) on a topic of their own choice at the end of the term. Late papers (late without consultation and approval by me) will be penalized by a loss of 5 points per 24 hours (out of a total of 100 points).

Group Presentations:

Students will present in groups on Mondays to give a 15 min introduction to the week's topic based on the readings. We will sort out these assignments after the first week of class. The Group Presentation accounts for 5% of your final grade.

Due Dates:

Reading Questions: Weekly on Tuesdays 12 am (midnight)

Group Presentation: Weekly

Midterm Take Home Exam: October 30

Research Paper: December 6

Grade Composition:
Attendance: 5%

Group Presentation: 5%
Reading Questions: 25%
Midterm Exam (take home): 30%
Final Research Paper: 35%

Grading Policy

I will make every effort to have each assignment graded and posted within one week of the due date.

Course Grading Policy

Assignment	Percentage %
GROUP PRESENTATION	5
ATTENDANCE	5
READING QUESTIONS	25
MIDTERM ESSAY	30
FINAL ESSAY	35

Grading Scale

Percent	Grade	Grade Points
92.0 – 100.0	A	4.00
88.0 – 91.9	A-	3.67
84.0 – 87.9	B+	3.33
80.0 – 83.9	B	3.00
76.0 – 79.9	B-	2.67
72.0 – 75.9	C+	2.33

68.0 – 71.9	C	2.00
64.0 – 67.9	C-	1.67
60.0 – 63.9	D+	1.33
56.0 – 59.9	D	1.00
52.0 – 55.9	D-	0.67
0 – 51.9	E	0.00

See the [current UF grading policies](#) [Links to an external site.](#) for more information.

UF Policies

University Policy on Accommodating Students with Disabilities:

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, <https://disability.ufl.edu/Links to an external site.>) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter that must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

University Policy on Academic Conduct:

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/Links to an external site.>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

Netiquette and Communication Courtesy:

All members of the class are expected to follow [rules of common courtesy](#)[Links to an external site.](#) in all email messages, threaded discussions, and chats.

Getting Help

Technical Difficulties:

For issues with technical difficulties for Canvas, please contact the UF Help Desk at:

- <http://helpdesk.ufl.edu>[Links to an external site.](#)
- (352) 392-HELP (4357)
- Walk-in: HUB 132

Any requests for make-ups due to technical issues should be accompanied by the ticket number received from the Help Desk when the problem was reported to them. The ticket number will document the time and date of the problem. You should e-mail your instructor within 24 hours of the technical difficulty if you wish to request a make-up.

Health and Wellness

- **U Matter, We Care:** If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-392-1575, or visit umatter.ufl.edu[Links to an external site.](#) to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.
- **Counseling and Wellness Center:** Visit counseling.ufl.edu[Links to an external site.](#) or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.
- **Student Health Care Center:** Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or visit shcc.ufl.edu[Links to an external site.](#)
- **University Police Department:** Visit police.ufl.edu[Links to an external site.](#) or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).
- **UF Health Shands Emergency Room/Trauma Center:** For immediate medical care in Gainesville, call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; ufhealth.org/emergency-room-trauma-center[Links to an external site.](#)

Academic and Student Support

- **Career Connections Center:** 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services career.ufl.edu/Links to an external site.
- **Library Support:** Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources. cms.uflib.ufl.edu/askLinks to an external site.
- **Teaching Center:** 352-392-2010 General study skills and tutoring: teachingcenter.ufl.edu/Links to an external site.
- **Writing Studio:** 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers: writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/Links to an external site.

Course Evaluations

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/students/Links to an external site.> Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/Links to an external site.> Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/public-results/Links to an external site.>

Tips for Success

- Schedule "class times" for yourself. It is important to do the coursework on time each week. You will receive a reduction in points for work that is turned in late!
- Read ALL of the material contained on this site. There is a lot of helpful information that can save you time and help you meet the objectives of the course.
- Print out the Course Schedule located in the Course Syllabus and check things off as you go.
- Take full advantage of the online discussion boards. Ask for help or clarification of the material if you need it.
- Do not wait to ask questions! Waiting to ask a question might cause you to miss a due date.
- Do your work well before the due dates. Sometimes things happen. If your computer goes down when you are trying to submit an assignment, you'll need time to troubleshoot the problem.
- To be extra safe, back up your work to an external hard drive, thumb drive or through a cloud service.

Privacy and Accessibility Policies

For information about the privacy policies of the tools used in this course, see the links below:

- Instructure (Canvas)
 - [Privacy Policy](#)
 - [Accessibility](#)
- Zoom
 - [Privacy Policy](#) Links to an external site.
 - [Accessibility](#) Links to an external site.
- YouTube (Google)
 - [Privacy Policy](#) Links to an external site.
 - [Accessibility](#) Links to an external site.

Course Summary:

Date	Details	
Sun Aug 25, 2024	Assignment Module 1 Reading Questions	due by 11:59
Tue Sep 3, 2024	Assignment Module 2 Reading Questions	due by 11:59
Sun Sep 8, 2024	Assignment Module 3 Reading Questions	due by 11:59
Sun Sep 15, 2024	Assignment Module 4 Reading Questions	due by 11:59
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Sun Sep 22, 2024	Assignment Module 5 Reading Questions	due by 11:59
Sun Oct 6, 2024	Assignment Module 7 Reading Questions	due by 11:59
Sun Oct 13, 2024	Assignment Module 8 Reading Questions	due by 11:59

Date	Details	
Sun Oct 20, 2024	Assignment Module 9 Reading Questions	due by 11:59
Sun Oct 27, 2024	Assignment Module 10 Reading Questions	due by 11:59
Wed Oct 30, 2024	Assignment Midterm Essay	due by 11:59
Sun Nov 3, 2024	Assignment Module 11 Reading Questions	due by 11:59
Sun Nov 10, 2024	Assignment Module 12 Reading Questions	due by 11:59
Sun Nov 17, 2024	Assignment Module 13 Reading Questions	due by 11:59
Tue Nov 19, 2024	Assignment Module 15 Reading Questions	due by 11:59
Tue Nov 26, 2024	Assignment Reading Questions #16	due by 11:59
Sun Dec 1, 2024	Assignment Module 14 Reading Questions	due by 11:59
Fri Dec 6, 2024	Assignment Final Essay	due by 11:59