

BCEA COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

STFS325 International Migration and Social Integration (taught in English)

Location: BCEA

Credits: 3

Schedule: TBA

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Course/Lab Fee: None

Prerequisite (recommended): Previous course in international studies or sociology.

Course Description

At the beginning of the 21st Century, we are witnessing the accelerated impact of globalization as a result of internal and international political conflicts, ethnic and civil strife, and natural disasters. These occurrences have forced millions of people to migrate from developing countries to industrialized ones in search of opportunities in economically prosperous and politically stable societies.

Through a comparative framework, this course will analyze contemporary migration issues at the supranational, national and municipal levels and focus on social integration and citizenship policies in the European Union, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, the United States, Spain, Catalonia and Barcelona.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of this course, students should have achieved the following skills/level of knowledge:

A taut understanding about what migration entails, the principle reasons why people migrate and the historical and contemporary citizenship models used in major European countries.

The ability to discuss how international migration affects economic development in migrant-sending countries and communities.

Examine the ways in which international migration is organized and facilitated by migrants' family networks and professional people-smugglers.

Understand local grassroots based movements and the role of non-governmental organizations working with issues relating to human rights.

Possess a solid awareness of issues relating to migration such as human rights, freedom of speech and religious tolerance in countries including Spain, Germany, France, the United Kingdom and the United States.