

# Race and Migration in Modern Europe

Honors 2033 – Social Science Colloquium

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In light of the current migrant crisis in Europe and rising nationalist sentiment, this course examines the history of migrant travel within, to, and from Europe over the last 150 years. It explores issues of race, citizenship, religion, and tolerance in an interdisciplinary context. Readings will be drawn from history as well as related fields. Students will complete a research project in stages over the semester.

## Catalogue Statement

HNRS 2033 is a General Education course and fulfills three of the six hours required in Social Sciences. The course will address the following learning competencies:

- “effective communication of complex knowledge and ideas through written, oral, visual, and technological media”
- “an understanding of historical, cultural, and philosophical complexity which supports sophisticated discourse”
- “an understanding of the factors associated with global interdependence, including economic, political, psychological, cultural, and linguistic forces.”

## Assignments and Grading:

The course will consist of 1000 points, broken down as follows:

Attendance (100 points): Weekly attendance is mandatory. If you must miss a class for an excused reason (illness, family emergency, athletics, etc.) you must email me as soon as possible. For every unexcused absence, you will lose ten points out of a possible 100.

Participation (100): This is a discussion seminar that relies on student participation. You must come prepared, having completed all the readings. You will be assessed based on the quality rather than the quantity of comments.

Group Presentation (50): Students will lead discussion for a chosen week. Suggestions for discussion techniques will be offered in class.

Response Papers (4 x 50 = 200 points): Students will complete four response papers (~2 pages double-spaced) during the semester. Questions will be assigned on the week’s readings. These are due in Weeks 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11. (You have five weeks in which to complete the four papers, so you are allowed to skip one week of your choosing.)

Research project (300 points): In consultation with the professor, students will develop and research a paper on any topic related to the course. Your research will consist of several smaller assignments, plus a final project. Your final “paper” can be a YouTube lecture, a website, or a traditional essay. The video should be 20-30 minutes and must be accompanied by a bibliography. The essay or website should be around 2000-2500 words. Assignments for this project will include:

- Paper proposal (25 points) – Due Week 4
- Annotated bibliography (25 points) – Due Week 6
- Outline (25 points) – Due Week 8
- Introduction and thesis statement (25 points) – Due Week 10
- Final project (200 points) – Due Week 13

Take-home final (250 points): Students will type answers to a series of essay questions related to the course material. The exam is open-note and open-book, but students must work alone. *Due Monday, Dec. 5 at 12 noon.*

Final grades will be calculated as a percentage (1000 pts = 100%)

A+ 97% or above | A 93-96.9 | A- 90-92.9 | B+ 87-89.9 | B 83-86.9 | B- 80-82.9 | C+ 77-79.9 | C 73-76.9 | C- 70-72.9 | D+ 67-69.9 | D 63-66.9 | D- 60-62.9 | F 0-59.9

The following readings are available for purchase at the LSU Bookstore:

Tara Zahra, *The Great Departure*

Christian Joppke, *Veil: Mirror of Identity*

All other readings will be made available through an online link. The number of pages to read is listed next to each week.

Aug. 22 | Week 1: Course Introduction (~10 pages of reading)

- *Current Affairs Articles on Brexit and Migrants*

Aug. 29 | Week 2: Defining Nation, Race and Migration (54 pages)

- C. Hirschman, “The Origins and Demise of the Concept of Race” *Population and Development Review*, 2004.
- C. Tilly, “Migration in Modern European History” in *Time, Space, and Man*
- C. Maier, “Nation and State,” in *Encyclopedia of Transnational History*

Sept. 12 | Week 3: Creating Borders and Citizens (58 pages)

- J. Torpey, *The Invention of the Passport*, Ch. 4
- R. Brubaker, “Immigration, Citizenship, and the Nation-State in France and Germany: A Comparative Historical Analysis” *International Sociology*, 1990.
- T. H. Marshall, “Citizenship and Social Class” in *The Welfare State: A Reader*

**Response Paper Due**

Sept. 19 | Week 4: Leaving Europe (and Returning) (99 pages)

- T. Zahra, *The Great Departure*, Intro, Chs. 1 & 3

**Paper Proposal Due**Sept. 26 | Week 5: Forced Migration and Refugees: World War I and After (87 pages)

- M. Marrus, *The Unwanted*, Ch. 2
- M. Mazower, "Minorities and the League of Nations in Interwar Europe" *Daedalus*, Spring 1997

**Response Paper Due**Oct. 3 | Week 6: Forced Migration and Ethnic Cleansing: 1930s-1940s (96 pages)

- T. Zahra, *The Great Departure*, Ch. 4
- N. Naimark, *Fires of Hatred*, Ch. 4
- Benjamin Frommer, "Expulsion or Integration: Unmixing Interethnic Marriage in Postwar Czechoslovakia" *EE Politics & Societies*, 2000

**Annotated Bibliography Due**Oct. 10 | Week 7: The Postwar Boom and 'Guest Workers' (~75 pages)

- Y. Soysal, *Limits of Citizenship*, Chs. 1-3, 7
- *Translated German newspaper articles on Guest Workers*

**Response Paper Due**Oct. 17 | Week 8: Decolonization and Race (43 pages)

- K. Paul, "The Politics of Citizenship in Post-War Britain," *Contemporary Record*, 1992
- T. Shepard, "Decolonization and Race" in *The French Republic: History, Values, Debates*
- J. Beaman, "Boundaries of Frenchness: Cultural Citizenship and France's Middle Class North African Second Generation" *Identities*, 2015

**Outline Due**Oct. 24 | Week 9: Communism, The Cold War, and Political Migration (74 pages)

- T. Zahra, *The Great Departure*, Chs. 6-7

**Response Paper Due**Oct. 31 | Week 10: The Rise of Anti-Immigrant Politics (48 pages)

- H. Betz, "The New Politics of Resentment: Radical Right-Wing Populist Parties in Western Europe" *Comparative Politics*, Jul. 1993
- *Extreme Right Activists in Europe*, Ch. 7 (on France)
- E. Griswold, "Dawn of the Dead: The Terrifying Rise of Greece's Nazi Party," *The New Republic*, Nov. 8, 2012

**Thesis/Introduction Due**

Nov. 7 | Wk 11: Muslim 'Extremism' and The Limits of Tolerance (91 pages)

- I. Buruma, *Murder in Amsterdam*, Chs. 1-2
- Kymlicka, *Multicultural Citizenship*, Ch. 8

***Response Paper Due***

Nov. 14 | Week 12: Muslim Women and the Veil (126 pages)

- C. Joppke, *Veil: Mirror of Identity*, all

Nov. 21 | Week 13: Refugees and Asylum from Yugoslavia and the Muslim World (~50 pages)

- D. Whittaker, *Asylum Seekers and Refugees in the Contemporary World*, Chs. 1-2, 4, 7
- T. Zahra, "The Return of No Man's Land: Europe's Asylum Crisis and Historical Memory" *Foreign Affairs*, Sept. 2015

***Final Project Due***

Nov. 28 | Wk 14: The EU, Borders, and Citizenship (~50 pages)

- J. Carens, "Aliens and Citizens: The Case for Open Borders" *Review of Politics*, 1987
- C. Joppke, *Citizenship and Immigration*, Ch. 5 (152-172 only)
- *Current Affairs Articles on Brexit and Migrant Crisis*

***Take home final due Monday, Dec. 5 at 12 noon.***