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**Description:** This graduate seminar draws on the sociological and demographic literatures to assess international and internal migration from a comparative perspective.

**Requirements:** Course requirements include a research paper, class assignments, presentations, and class participation. The research paper will be a review of and synthesis of a major part of the literature and/or an empirical analysis focused on a research question of substantive or policy importance. Paper ideas will be presented in class on February 28; final papers are due April 27. The assignments and class presentations are short and focused, with the goal of contributing to the research paper and/or facilitating class discussion. They include brief reviews of data sets, short summaries of case studies, applications of theoretical perspectives to case studies, lists of questions for possible discussion in class. Half of the course grade is based on the research paper and the other half on the assignments, presentations, and class participation.

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Readings

Jan 24        2. Patterns and trends

Required Reading


Suggested Reading


Jan 31        3. Concepts, Data, and Design Issues


Guest, Philip. 1998. “Assessing the Consequences of Internal Migration: Methodological Issues


Feb 7 4. Theories of Migration


**Feb 14 5. Migration Mechanisms**


Krissman, Fred. 2005. “Sin coyote ni patron: why the “migrant network” fails to explain international migration.” *International Migration Review* 39: 4-


Feb 21 6. Historical and Comparative Perspectives on Migration Streams

Each student will choose one of the following volumes:


Feb 28 7. Presentations of Research Projects

Mar 7 8. Immigration and the State: Policy

Required Reading


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Mar 22  8. Comparative Assessment of Immigration and the State: Membership


Mar 29  9. Assimilation Theory Revisited and Critiqued


Apr 4.  10 . Expanding Assimilation: A Case Study of Transnationalism


Apr 11  11. (Im)Migration and Health


Apr 18  12. (Im)Migration, Remittances, and Consequences


Skeldon, Ronald. 1997. “Rural-to-Urban Migration and Its Implications for Poverty


Apr 25  13. Migration and Neighborhoods


Bruch, Elizabeth and Robert D. Mare.


