

SOC 399: IMMIGRANTS IN AMERICA
Fall 2020 Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30am-10:45am
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This course presents a sociological perspective on immigration with a focus on the case of the U.S. Some of the topics we will discuss include: **Why do people migrate?** How do we understand the politics of immigration & the policies that let some people in, but keep others out? What are the processes that produce immigrant “illegality”? How do race, class & gender shape immigrants’ experiences? What is the process by which immigrants become integrated in their new home? Are immigrants becoming integrated? How do social scientists evaluate & theorize immigrant integration?

By the end of SOC 399, students will be able to:

- Understand the processes involved in international migration and the socioeconomic trajectories of different immigrant groups in the United States
- Be able identify the role of immigration & the immigration system in the larger society
- Understand how immigrants impact U.S. society
- Be able to understand how social locations & institutions shape immigrants’ lives
- Be able to link social theory & methods to a critical analysis of immigrant incorporation