

Migration, Globalization & Social Change

Course code: POL 3220

Total contact hours: 48 hours

Pre-requisite: None

Course Overview

This class studies the different types of migrants during Globalization, the concept of "otherness" and its relation with migration. In addition, the course explores cultural identity related to migration, the different forms in which migrants interact with the local culture (its dynamics and results), and elements about human rights and citizenship in immigrants' cases.

The class starts with a general introduction to foundations paving the way for understanding the theoretical bases of migration and the human rights of migrants. Then, the course explores otherness and exclusion and what it is like to not be like "the majority" in Society – or what it expects its members to create a dynamic of exclusion. The class will continue to study attitudes of xenophobia towards migrants taking off from cultural identity and elements; a political, social, and economic analysis of Nicaraguans, Venezuelans, and extra-regional migrants in Costa Rica. Also, the class will discuss different types of migrants.

There will be some case studies of actual cases as a part of a practical exercise during the class sessions using existing immigration law and Costa Rica regulations