

MIGRATION STUDIES MINOR

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Program Description

Migration is a major feature of human history and one of the most significant forces shaping the world today. The Migration Studies minor is a university-wide, interdisciplinary undergraduate minor that prepares students to understand the historical and contemporary contexts and factors that drive international migration and shape migrant experiences around the globe.

This minor draws on the rich course offerings found across the humanities and social sciences at Cornell. The courses offered are designed to provide students with the analytical framework necessary to understand the conditions that shape migrants' decisions to migrate and the social, cultural, and political processes that shape their departure, arrival, and integration into new host societies. The Migration Studies minor is designed to draw students outside of their major fields and to extend their knowledge beyond a single country.

There are more than 30 faculty associates of the minor, representing departments from six colleges on Cornell's campus. The diversity of their research and teaching interests reflects the breadth and interdisciplinary nature of this course of study. To sustain populations in motion and thrive in a world on the move, students of all disciplines can learn about and engage with new approaches.

Enrollment

To enroll in the Migration Studies Minor, complete and submit the Declaration of Intent form. This may be done as soon as the sophomore year or no later than the end of the sixth semester in order to qualify. There is no GPA requirement for admission to the minor, but students must be in good academic standing.

Minor Requirements

The minor is earned upon completion of five courses with a minimum of 15 credits.

Introductory Course

Code	Title	Hours
ILRGL 3810	Migration: Histories, Controversies, and Perspectives	3

Elective Courses

As an interdisciplinary minor, the Migration Studies minor admits over fifty elective courses across six colleges at Cornell. The list is representative, but by no means exhaustive. Other elective courses can be taken, but must be approved by the faculty coordinator.

Code	Title	Hours
Select four of the following:		
AAS 2100	South Asian Diaspora	3
AMST 1104	Race and Ethnicity in the United States: Social Constructs, Real World Consequences	3
AMST 1802	Introduction to Latinos in U.S. History	3
AMST 2253	Diasporas from the Spanish Caribbean	4

AMST 4720		
AMST 4851	Refugees	4
ANTHR 2428		
ANTHR 3703	Asians in the Americas: A Comparative Perspective	3
ANTHR 3762		
ANTHR 4466	Citizenship, Borders, and Belonging	3
ARCH 2802	History of Architecture II	3
ASIAN 3329	Literature of Leaving China	3
ASIAN 3368	Imagining India, Home and Diaspora	4
ASIAN 4443	Work and Labor in China	4
ASRC 1976	Recreating the Caribbean: Migration and Identity in Contemporary Caribbean History	3
ASRC 2212	Caribbean Worlds	3
ASRC 3302		
ASRC 3434	Underground Railroad Seminar	3
BIOEE 1560	Introductory Oceanography with Laboratory	4
BIOEE 3610	Advanced Ecology	4
COML 3336	Border Environments	3
COML 4334		3
COML 4452	Trauma Across Borders	3
COML 6960		
COMM 3250	Vamos Pa'l Norte: U.S. Migration and Communication	3
CRP 1101		
DSOC 4300		
GDEV 2010	Population and Social Change	3
GDEV 3040		3
GDEV 3060	Farmworkers: Contemporary Issues and Their Implications	1
GDEV 3400	Agriculture, Food, Sustainability and Social Justice	3
GDEV 4940	Special Topics in Global Development	1-3
GDEV 6110		
ECON 3480	Race and the American Labor Market in Historical Perspective	3
ECON 4350		3
ECON 7430	Seminar in Labor Economics II	3
FGSS 3400	Social Justice: Special Topics	4
FREN 3400	French Identities: 21st Century Culture and Society in France	3
GERST 3581	Imagining Migration in Film and Literature	4
GERST 4002	Changing Worlds: Migration, Minorities, and German Literature	3
GOVT 2152	(Im)migration and (Im)migrants: Then and Now	3
GOVT 2274	Global Studies Gateway	3
GOVT 2897	WIM: Human Rights at War	4
GOVT 4032		
HIST 1710	The Jewish Atlantic: 1492-Present	3
HIST 1800	Immigration in U.S. History	4
HIST 1802	Introduction to Latinos in U.S. History	3
HIST 1820	U.S. Borders, North and South	3
HIST 1970	Pirates, Slaves, and Revolutionaries: A History of the Caribbean from Columbus to Louverture	4

HIST 1975	Caribbean Migrations I: Caribbean Arrivals	4	NTRES 1101	Understanding Environment and Sustainability	3
HIST 1985	American History from 1500 to 1800	3	NTRES 3020	Earth Projects	3
HIST 2010	Atlantic Travelers	4	NTRES 3100	Applied Population Ecology	3
HIST 2091	A History of Human Trafficking in the Atlantic World, ca. 1400-1800	4	NTRES 3150	Introduction to Conservation Bioacoustics	3
HIST 2251	U.S. Immigration Narratives	4	NTRES 3220	Global Biodiversity	3
HIST 2392	Where Fire Meets Ice: Histories of the U.S.-Canada Border Across Four Centuries	3	NTRES 3311	Environmental Governance	3
HIST 2641	Race and Modern US History	3	NTRES 3330	Ways of Knowing: Indigenous and Place-Based Ecological Knowledge	3
HIST 2750	History of Modern India	4	PUBPOL 2030	Population and Public Policy	1-5
HIST 3960	Transnational Local: Southeast Asian History from the Eighteenth Century	4	PUBPOL 3041	U.S. Immigration Law and Policy	3
HIST 4252	Migration and the Peopling of America: A Perennial Debate	4	PUBPOL 3050	Refugee Pathways and Resettlement Policy	4
HIST 4690	Borders, Frontiers, and Walls in Global History	3	PMA 3215	Performance and Immigration: Staging the Migrant, Alien, and Refugee in and outside the US	3
HIST 4922			ROMS 4750		4
HIST 4252	Migration and the Peopling of America: A Perennial Debate	4	SOC 2650		
HIST 4922			SOC 3400	Labor and Migration in Asian America	4
HIST 6052			SOC 3570		4
HIST 6132	Mobility, Circulation, Migration, Diaspora: Global Connections	4	SPAN 3580		4
ILRGL 2060		3	SPAN 4670		4
ILRGL 2070		3	STS 4301		
ILRGL 2080		3	VTPEH 6101	Public Health Foundations I	2
ILRGL 2350	Work, Labor, and Capital in the Global Economy	3	VTPEH 6103	Public Health Policy	3
ILRGL 3020	Strangers and Citizens: Immigration and Labor in U.S. History	3	VTPEH 6104	Epidemiology in Practice	3
ILRGL 3035		1-4	VTPEH 6111	Infectious Disease and Health	3
ILRGL 3810	Migration: Histories, Controversies, and Perspectives	3	VTPEH 6114	Applied Epidemiology: Disease Surveillance and Outbreak Response	3
ILRGL 4325	The European Social Model	3	VTPEH 6141	Planetary Health	3
ILRGL 4367	Migration and Mobility: Theories and Lived Realities	3			
ILRIC 4357					
ILRIC 4372					
ILRIC 4395					
ILRLR 2060					
ILRLR 2080					
ILRLR 2810					
ILRLR 3020					
ILRLR 3035					
ILRLR 3065					
ILRLE 7460	Seminar in Labor Economics II	2-4			
JWST 2630	Brazil to Brooklyn: Jewish Cultures of the Americas	4			
JWST 4533	The Lower East Side: Jews and the Immigrant City	3			
LAW 6509	Immigration Federalism	3			
LAW 7311	Immigration and Refugee Law	2			
LAW 7801	Asylum and Convention Against Torture Appellate Clinic	4			
LEGAL 5114	Business Immigration Law	1.5			
LSP 4312		3			
NES 3655	Minorities of the Middle East	3			
NES 4584		3			

- ¹ The four elective courses must meet the following criteria:
- 3 courses taken at the advanced (3000–4000) level.
 - At least 1 course must include substantial focus on migration outside of the United States.
 - Courses must be taken in at least 2 departments. **ILR courses are considered one department.**
 - All courses must be taken for a letter grade.
 - All courses must be completed with a letter grade of C or higher.

Migration-related Events

Students must attend at least five migration-related events on campus. Event attendance must be registered prior to the end of the semester in which the event takes place.

Extra Curricular Experience

Students are also encouraged to engage beyond the classroom through a field experience, community-based practicum, or other engaged component, to intern, work, volunteer, research, or study abroad in situations that involve significant interaction with migrant populations. Students should check with their college for available opportunities.