 **GEOG 370 HUMAN MIGRATION** MCj01984970000[1]

Winter 2017

Office & Hrs: HSS 211, Monday 12-3, Thurs. 10-12

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**Subject Matter**

This course describes immigration to the United States, from the end of the ice age to the present. Causes of migration, geography of settlement, and effects of migration on the host society and sending regions are areas of focus. Special topics may also include climate change as a causal factor in emigration, and the current refugee crisis.

**Required Book:**

Immigrant American: A Portrait, Fourth Edition. Alejandro Portes and Ruben Rumbaut. University of California Press, Oakland. (2014)

**Course Goals:**

1. examine causes of migration
2. describe and explain settlement patterns
3. interpret effects of migration on receiving and sending societies

All three of these address Geography Learning Outcome #2: Interpret the interrelationships between people, space and place. Course Goal 3 also addresses Geography Learning Outcome #3: analyze human-environment relations.

**Activities**

Generally the evening class format to be followed is: 1) written quiz over material of previous week, 2) discussion of readings and other topics, and 3) documentary film.

Generally I will post reading questions by Wednesday morning. Quiz questions will be based mostly on the study questions that I post each week. Because I will drop your lowest major quiz score, no make-up quizzes will be given. Please don't intentionally miss a quiz knowing that you can drop it and then later have to miss another one for unforeseen reasons out of your control.

There will be a mid-term exam and a final. The final is not comprehensive.

There will be a research paper of approximately 2500 words due at the end of the term. Guidelines will be announced a few weeks after start of term.

**Approximate Weighting of Grades**

Quizzes: 35%

Mid Term: 20%

Final: 20%

Paper: 15%

Participation: 10%

A standard grading scale applies, with A 90-100, B 80-89, C 70-79, D 60-69, F <60. Plus and minus grades occupy the top and bottom 2% of each range (71% is a C-)

**TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE**

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|  | Topic(s) | Assigned Reading(s) |
| January 10 | Overview of United States Immigration  Overview of modern human migration and occupation of the ecumene |  |
| January 17  **Quiz** over all materials covered last week, and this weeks’ reading (P&R Ch 1) | Migration Theory  Network Migration | Portes & Rumbaut Chapter 1  Reading questions on class website at www.wou.edu/~mcgladm |
| January 24  **Quiz** over all materials covered last week, and this weeks’ reading | Settlement Geography | Portes & Rumbaut Chapter 2  Roberto Suro. From One Man a Channel.  Reading questions for both on class website at [www.wou.edu/~mcgladm](http://www.wou.edu/~mcgladm) |
| January 31  **Quiz** over all materials covered last week, and this weeks’ reading | Making it in America | Portes & Rumbaut Chapter 3  other may be announced  Reading questions on class website at www.wou.edu/~mcgladm |
| February 7  **~~Midterm~~** ~~over all material including through Portes & Rumbaut Ch 4~~ | Identity, Citizenship, Political Participation | ~~Portes & Rumbaut Chapter 4~~  See online folder  other may be announced  Reading questions on class website at www.wou.edu/~mcgladm |
| February 14  **Midterm** over all materials so far | Language | Portes & Rumbaut ~~Chapter 5~~  other may be announced  Reading questions on class website at www.wou.edu/~mcgladm |
| February 21  **Quiz** over all materials covered last week, and this weeks’ reading | ~~The New Second Generation~~ | ~~Portes & Rumbaut Chapter 6~~  other may be announced  Reading questions on class website at www.wou.edu/~mcgladm |
| February 28  **Quiz** over all materials covered last week, and this weeks’ reading | From Immigrants to Ethnics | Portes & Rumbaut Chapter 5b  other may be announced  Reading questions on class website at www.wou.edu/~mcgladm |
| March 7  **Quiz** over all materials covered last week, and this weeks’ reading | What to do: Immigration & Public Policy | Portes & Rumbaut Chapter 8  other may be announced  Reading questions on class website at www.wou.edu/~mcgladm |
| March 14  **Quiz** over all materials covered last week, and this weeks’ reading | Climate Change and Migration | Portes & Rumbaut Chapter 9  other may be announced  Reading questions on class website at www.wou.edu/~mcgladm |
| **Tues. Mar 21**  **Final exam 5:15 p.m.** | Covers everything since exam 1 | Reading & questions tba at [www.wou.edu/~mcgladm](http://www.wou.edu/~mcgladm) |

**\***reading list is subject to change. Some additional material is likely. Any student needing an accommodation for any type of disability should e-mail me the first week of the course and should contact the Office of Disability Services (838-8250v/tty).