

Politics of Immigration

UGRA_015296

Departments	Department of Society, Politics and Sustainability
Teaching Languages	English
ECTS	3
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Course Goals

This course objectives are:

1. Acquire in-depth knowledge about immigration and integration policies in liberal democracies and authoritarian regimes
2. Discuss case-studies related to various immigration typologies
3. Make policy recommendations on immigration and integration policies

Previous knowledge

Basic knowledge of political institutions and public policy concepts.

Prerequisites

No special prerequisites.

Teaching methodology

In-class lecture and class discussion of specific case-studies and relevant literature.
-dynamic group work
-applied knowledge

Description

Course contribution to program

The Politics of Immigration course contributes to the programme by offering a critical understanding of one of the most pressing and debated issues in contemporary politics. Through a comparative analysis of immigration and integration policies in both liberal democracies and authoritarian regimes, the course enhances students' knowledge of political systems and public policy. It also fosters applied skills by engaging students with real-world case studies and the development of policy recommendations, thereby strengthening the connection between theory and practice within the programme.

Short description

This course brings an important contribution to the GEL BA program by discussing one of the most contentious policy areas in contemporary societies.

We will study immigration and integration policies from a holistic perspective, including the role of public opinion and political parties. We will also analyse different types of immigration policies such as economic migration, asylum, highly skilled migration and family reunification.

Activities

In-class discussions and debates

Role-play exercises and simulations

Group presentations

Presentations

Case study analyses

Content

#	Topic
1	Introduction. Immigration and Integration policies
2	Labour migration
3	Refugee integration
4	Policy lab 1
5	Integration policy models
6	Local integration policy
7	Socio-economic integration
8	Political integration
9	Cultural integration
10	Policy lab 2

Assessment

Tool	Assessment tool	Category	Weight %
Written and/or oral exams		Ordinary round	50.00%
In-class analysis and discussion of issues		Ordinary round	20.00%
Group project		Ordinary round	30.00%

PROGRAMS

G114-Global Governance Exchange Program (Undergraduates: Law)
G114 Year 1 (Optative)

GEL23-Bachelor of Global Governance, Economics and Legal Order (Undergraduates: Law)
GEL23 Year 3 (Optative)