Detailed Course Syllabus

Academic year: 2026/2027	**Semester:** Summer semester
Year of study: 1	**Study Program:** Sociologija (dvopredmetni) (R) (elective) (Diplomski) Komunikologija - Interkulturalna komunikacija i novinarstvo (R) (elective) (Diplomski) Povijest (R) (elective) (Diplomski) Sestrinstvo (I) (elective) (Diplomski) Sestrinstvo (R) (elective) (Diplomski) Povijest (dvopredmetni) (R) (elective) (Diplomski)

I. BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

Name: Sociology of Migration

Abbreviation: IZBD275

ECTS: 5	**Code:** 279790

Prerequisites: No

Total Course Workload

Teaching Mode	**Total Hours**
Lecture	30
Seminar	30

Class Time and Place: HKS - according to the published schedule

II. TEACHING STAFF

Course Holder

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III. DETAILED COURSE INFORMATION

Teaching Language: Hrvatski

Course Description

Within the course, fundamental concepts and theories are presented as a conceptual framework for research and understanding migration processes and phenomena at the global, regional, and national levels. Classical and contemporary theories, migration models, and the classification of migrations by type are covered. Migration is approached with a dominant sociological perspective and an interdisciplinary lens, considering its complexity.

An essential part of the course includes analyses of the causes of migration throughout history up to the present, as well as their consequences, which are examined critically with an emphasis on interactive teaching. Additionally, theories of migrant population integration into society are explored, with special attention given to the migrant experience in the context of Croatia.

The goal of the course is to introduce students to the basic terminology in the field of the Sociology of migration, provide a historical overview of migration flow dynamics, and offer an analysis of contemporary migration trends in the context of the multiple refugee crises in Europe. Students will gain insight into different approaches to studying migration processes, as well as the consequences of migration, including sociologically significant changes such as multiculturalism, and challenges such as polarization, extremism, social inequalities, and discrimination.

Educational Outcomes

1. Identify the basic terminology of migration and its issues.
2. Comment on sociological approaches to the study of migration.
3. Introduce sociological concepts of migration in seminars and discussions.
4. Critically assess current migration trends.
5. Evaluate ethical principles in the study of migration.

Textbooks and Materials

Required

1. De Haas, Hein (2023). How Migration Really Works. A Factful Guide to the Most Divisive Issue in Politics. London: Penguin
2. Castles, Stephen; de Haas, Hein and Miller, Mark (2014). The Age of Migration: International Population Movements in the Modern World (5th ed). New York: Palgrave Macmillan
3. Triandafyllidou, Anna (2019). Routledge Handbook of Immigration and Refugee Studies. London and New York: Routledge.

Supplementary

1. Berry, John W. (2003). "Conceptual Approaches to Acculturation", in: Chun, Kevin; Balls Organista, Pamela
2. Marin, Gerardo (2003). Acculturation - Advances in Theory, Measurement, and Applied Research. Washington, DC: Deacade of Behavior.

Examination and Grading

To Be Passed DA	**Exclusively Continuous Assessment** NE	**Included in Average Grade** DA

Prerequisites to Obtain Signature and Take Final Exam

1. Regular attendance: presence in at least 70% of classes.
2. Proper completion of seminar obligations: seminar presentation in the form of a presentation and two midterms.
3. Achieving a minimum success rate of 35% during classes within the given instructional activities.

Examination Manner

- Continuous assessment of student work through class activities (seminar presentation and two written midterms)
- Final exam

Grading Manner

1. **Class Activities –** 70% of the final grade:
   - 2 midterms (50%)
   - Seminar obligations (20%)
2. **Final Exam –** 30% of the grade

Detailed Overview of Grading within ECTS

ACTIVITY TYPE	ECTS Student Workload Coefficient	GRADE PERCENTAGE (%)
Class Attendance	1.2	0
Seminar Presentation	0.76	20
Midterm Exam	0.95	25
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Total in Class	**3.86**	**70**
Final Exam	1.14	30
TOTAL ECTS (Classes + Final Exam)	**5**	**100**

IV. WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE

[Predavanja]

#	Topic
1	Introduction Lecture: Introduction to the Course – What is Migration? Presentation of Student Obligations and Working Methods
2	Basic terminology and typologies of migration and its issues
3	Why Do People Migrate? From Prehistoric to Modern Migrations
4	Why Do People Migrate? Contemporary Migrations
5	Migration theories: Classical and contemporary sociological theories of migration
6	International migration today
7	Social acceptance of migrants: security and humanitarian approach

8	1st midterm exam
9	European migration policy: contradictions and challenges
10	How do migrations shape social dynamics? Consequences of contemporary migrations
11	Inclusion of migrants in society: integration, marginalization, separation, and assimilation
12	Presentation of good practices for migrant integration into society
13	The experience of Croatia with migration processes: emigration from and immigration to Croatia
14	Guest lecture and/or visit to institutions and organizations dealing with migration
15	2nd midterm exam
[Seminari]	
#	**Topic**
1	The Complexity and Challenges of Research in the Sociology of Migration
2	The Issue of Racism in Migration
3	Xenophobia and Contemporary Migrations
4	Representation of Migrants in Popular Culture
5	Representation of Migrants in Croatian Media
6	Women as a Particularly Vulnerable Group in Migration and Afterward
7	Social Activity of Migrants in Host Countries
8	Migration and Culture
9	Migration and the Environment
10	The Issue of Illegal Migration
11	Croatian Communities Abroad
12	Emigration of Youth from Croatia
13	Migration as a lifestyle
14	Return Migration to Croatia
15	Migration and Creative Industries