WHY TAKE THIS CLASS?
Laws of international migration define who we are. Whom do we let in and whom do we exclude? These are critical questions not only for policymakers, passport control officers, and judges, but also for citizens seeking a voice in shaping those laws and scholars trying to understand the law. This class will be useful for those who plan to become immigration lawyers, but it is not a law class. Rather, it uses a sociological lens to explain the social origins of the law and its effects. Why do different countries have different laws, and why do they change over time? What are the differences between the law on the books and the law in action? How does the law create legal categories of people that affect their rights, behaviors, and access to resources? We’ll examine how the law can be a tool of particular interests, empirically assess the extent to which it is effective at controlling migration and borders, and discuss how people experience the law. About two-thirds of our time will be spent discussing the United States, with the other third devoted to comparative analysis of other cases around the world.

READINGS:
You are expected to read all of the readings listed for each class (about 75 pages per week) and come prepared to discuss them. All of the readings are available on Canvas.

WRITING AND EXAMS:
Twelve times during the quarter, you will write in-class 5-minute essays reacting to our readings, films, and discussion. You will write a 3-page (double-spaced) paper out of class analyzing a newspaper editorial regarding immigration law. On Oct 30 you will take a midterm exam. The final exam will be held in class Dec 15.

You will only be graded on your written work. Academic integrity is an integral part of being a student and a scholar. You must do your own work and credit others for their work. UCSD regulations on academic integrity will be strictly enforced. If you have questions about what constitutes plagiarism, please ask before turning in the assignment. See https://academicintegrity.ucsd.edu/ for details.

Students agree that by taking this course all required papers will be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. Use of the Turnitin.com service is subject to the terms of use agreement posted on the Turnitin.com site.

GRADES:
20%: In-class 5-Minute Reaction Essays
15%: Media Criticism 3-Page Paper
30%: Midterm Exam
35%: Final Exam
If you are struggling, please contact me as soon as possible.

IN-PERSON CLASSES
All classes are in-person only, except for Nov 17, which will be a recorded lecture.

CLASS DISCUSSION
Immigration is an emotionally and politically charged topic. Opinions from all points of view are welcomed. Please express them in ways that are respectful of all of us. By taking this course, you agree not to record or distribute material from anyone in class (including fellow students, guest speakers, or the professor) without their permission.

COURSE OUTLINE

Sep 29. Why does migration law matter?

Oct 2. Why do people migrate?

Oct 4. The invention of the passport

Oct 6. US border enforcement

Oct 9. Human rights at the border
Oct 11. NGO advocacy

*Guest speaker: Tatyana Castillo-Ramos, PhD Candidate in Religious Studies, Yale University*


Oct 16. Temporary protected status

*Guest speaker: Joe Wiltberger, Visiting Scholar, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, UCSD*


*Media criticism paper due*

Oct 18. Contemporary US politics and policy


Oct 20. Social construction of legal categories


Oct 23. Refugee policy. The Turkish case

*Guest speaker: Şevin Sağınıç, PhD Candidate, Sociology Department, UCSD*

Oct 25. Street level bureaucrats


Oct 27. Class-based analysis


Oct 30. In-class MID-TERM

Nov 1. Destination California


Nov 3. Subnational policy

Guest speaker: Wayne Cornelius, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, UCSD


Nov 6. Mixed-citizenship and mixed-status families


Nov 8. Careers in immigration law

Guest speaker: Regina (Calvario) Dryjanski, Lead Staff Attorney, Jewish Family Service of San Diego
Nov 10. Veteran’s Day holiday. No class.

Nov 13. Deportation and its Effects


Nov 15. Reintegration after deportation

_Guest speaker: Fátima Khayar Cámara, PhD Candidate, Department of Sociology, UCSD_


[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10q4NINwzTg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10q4NINwzTg)


Watch and discuss “Torn Apart: Separated at the Border” in class


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Nov 24. Thanksgiving holiday. No class
Nov 27. European migration law

Guest speaker: Daniel Thym, Professor of European and International Law, University of Konstanz (Germany)


Nov 29. The migration industry

Guest speaker: Dasom Lee, PhD Candidate, Sociology Department, UCSD


Dec 1. Extra-territorial citizenship


Dec 4. Citizenship for sale


Dec 6. Naturalization


Dec 8. Review for final exam

FINALS WEEK

Friday, Dec 15, 8-11am. *In-class final exam*
SERVICE & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN SAN DIEGO

- https://ccis.ucsd.edu/programs/service-opportunities.html

- https://www.rescue.org/volunteer-opportunities/san-diego-ca

- https://sdrefugeetutoring.com/