

Course: International Migration: Sociological, Political, and Legal Aspects

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Overview

The course “**International Migration: Sociological, Political, and Legal Aspects**” will introduce students to the study of key topics in international migration. It will address the different types of migration and the main theories of international migration. In addition, it will include an examination of the distinctive features of various types of migration policies (control, integration, return). In this regard, special attention will be given to the elements linking migration, poverty, development, and globalization. Finally, the course includes an analysis of the European Union’s migration and asylum policies and regulations.

BLOCK I. Characteristics of International Migration: Concepts, Definitions, and Trends

Topic 1: Concepts and Terminology. Analysis of the Current Situation.

Topic 2: Causes of Human Mobility.

Topic 3: International Protection and Human Rights.

Topic 5: Refugees: International Legal Framework. Analysis of the Current Situation.

Topic 6: Internally Displaced Persons. Analysis of the Current Situation.

Topic 7: Human Trafficking and Smuggling.

BLOCK II. Migration in the EU and Spain

Topic 8: Migrant Workers and Their Protection.

Topic 9: Control Policies: Border Externalization. Visa Policy.

Topic 10: Regular and Irregular Migration.

BLOCK III. Management of International Migration and Main Perspectives

Topic 11: The Global Compacts on Migration and Refugees, 2018.

Topic 12: Durable Solutions. Return Policies.

BLOCK IV. The Right to Asylum in the World, the EU, and Spain

Topic 13: Asylum Worldwide: Main Characteristics and Challenges. Climate Refugees and New Forms of Persecution.

Topic 14: Political and Legal Framework of Asylum Policy at the International, EU, and Spanish Levels.