The issues of transnational migration, globalization, ethnic group formation, and the politics of citizenship are among the most provocative areas of social science and humanities research today. This intensive upper-division reading/discussion course is designed to provide a thematic interdisciplinary overview on the history of these issues and related questions by exploring recent interpretations of developments in the migration history of the United States over the course of the twentieth century.

**Course Requirements:** This is an intensive upper-division interdisciplinary course in which students are expected to come well prepared to discuss readings each week. Individual students will lead discussion of readings each week and participation in class will account for 30 percent of the final grade. Students are also expected to write a 20-25 page term paper based either on a synthetic review of course readings or on one of the topical areas addressed in the course (e.g. changing paradigms in migration studies; the debate over globalization; problems of the “second generation” and general issues of immigrant adaptation; economic and/or labor dimensions of transnational migration; gendered dimensions of transnational migration; the politics of ethnicity and citizenship; etc.). Students may also choose other topics after consultation with the instructor. The term paper will account for the remaining 70 percent of the final course grade. Papers will be due during final exam week.

All required reading will be available online.

**Week 1 (Oct. 2)—Course Introduction and Overview**

**Week 2 (Oct. 9)—Capitalism and Migration: The Global Context**


**Week 3 (Oct. 16)—Shifting Paradigms**

**READ:** Philip Gleason, “The Melting Pot: Symbol of Fusion or Confusion?” *American Quarterly* 16 (1) (March 1964): 20-46; Nancy L. Green, “Time and the Study of

**Week 4 (Oct. 23)—Social Historical Case Studies**


**Week 5 (Oct. 30)—Political Issues in the Early Twentieth Century**


**Week 6 (Nov. 6)—Gendered Dimensions of Migration**


Week 7 (Nov. 13)—Citizenship and Its Discontents


Week 8 (Nov. 20)—NAFTA, Neoliberalism, and Demographic Change


Week 9 (Nov. 27)—The Economics and Politics of Contemporary Immigration


Week 10 (Dec. 4)—Ambiguous Future: Citizens and Non-Citizens in the New Century