

Morocco

Migration and Transnational Identity

Explore the complex effects of human mobility on local communities, global politics, and transnational economies.

Coursework

Migration and Transnational Identity Seminar

AFRS 3000 / 4 credits / 60 class hours

An interdisciplinary course conducted in English with required readings and relevant educational excursions. The course addresses core issues pertaining to migration in relation to Mediterranean space, local and global cultural politics, and development policies, as well as the implications of migration on national economies, local communities, and human rights. Lecturers are drawn from the Research Group on Migration and Culture at the University Mohammed V in Rabat, the UNESCO Chair on Migration in Morocco, Ibn Tofail University in Kenitra, the Institute for African Studies, and local and international nongovernmental organizations based in Rabat and in northern Morocco.

The seminar is composed of modules and electives, including the following required modules: borders and borderlands; gender and migration; migration and human rights; and migration and development. The topics covered include: migration in Islam; migration and travel; mobility, transnationality, and border identities; sub-Saharan immigrants and human rights; illegal migration or forced migration; migration and gender; testimonial narratives of sub-Saharan migrants and Moroccan deported/former migrants; the Mediterranean, migration, and security; EU policy and migration; EU-Moroccan partnerships and migration management; the Barcelona Process; under-age migrants; desertification, poverty, and migration; rural development and migration; migrant remittances and development; poverty and development; Moroccan residents abroad and local development; migration and urban development; art and nomadism; sub-Saharan artists in Morocco; Moroccan diasporic cinema; migration and media; and Moroccan residents abroad and the post-Arab revolution political change in Morocco.

Additionally, students can choose from a set of electives typically designed around the

themes of gender, religion, ethnicity, social movements, film, environment and health, and multilingualism. Each elective includes a field study session designed to teach students how to conduct field research on the module's theme in Morocco.

Educational Excursions

The program includes three major excursions: Khouribga, Beni Mellal, and Lafqif ben Saleh; northern Morocco, including Chefchaouen, Mdiq, and Tangier; and an excursion to Amsterdam and The Hague in the Netherlands. Each excursion focuses on a different aspect of migration and is designed to help contextualize the debate on migration in relation to global politics and policymaking, development, and Moroccan society and culture.

Intensive Language Study: Arabic

ARAB 1000–3000 / 6 credits / 90 class hours

The course is designed to equip students with a proficiency level in spoken Standard Arabic in order to engage in everyday communication. The course integrates the skills of reading, writing, listening, grammar, vocabulary, and conversation. Students with prior study in Arabic will find reinforcement of Modern Standard Arabic through the media. Homestays, field excursions, and everyday interactions assist in language acquisition.

Field Study Seminar

ANTH 3500 / 2 credits / 30 class hours

A course in the concepts of learning across cultures and from field experience. Introduction to the Independent Study Project. Material includes cross-cultural adaptation and skills building; project selection and refinement; appropriate methodologies; field study ethics and the World Learning/SIT Human Subjects Review Policy; field assignments with local associations and government agencies working in the areas of migration, development, and human rights; developing contacts and finding resources; developing skills in observation and interviewing; gather-

NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST



Credits 16

Duration Fall/Spring 15 weeks

Program Base Rabat

Language Study Arabic

Homestay Rabat, 7 weeks

Other Accommodations Hostels, guest houses, or small hotels

Independent Study Project/Internship 4 weeks

Prerequisites There are no prerequisites; however, students with a background in French will find ample opportunity for French language practice while also learning Arabic. Students with a background in Spanish will also have the opportunity to practice their Spanish language skills in northern Morocco.

ing, organizing, and communicating data; maintaining a field journal.

Independent Study Project

ISPR 3000 / 4 credits / 120 class hours

Students choose between building their Independent Study Project (ISP) on a two-week internship with an organization working in the area of migration, or designing an ISP on their own. **Sample topic areas:** youth and emigration; causes and consequences of clandestine migration; sub-Saharan immigrants and their integration in Moroccan society; European immigration laws and their impact on migration trends in Morocco; circular labor migration and women; migration and its impact on those who stay behind; migrant remittances and local development; life narratives of migrants; migrant images in Moroccan media. images in Moroccan media.