

B.Sc/M.Sc Course *The Economics of Migration* Course syllabus

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About this course

Migration is at the center of the public debate in most Western countries. Although migrants only make up 3% of the world population, their moving is suspected to affect both sending and receiving countries. Economists have started to become interested in studying migration in the late 1970s. What started with a few papers here and there on the economic situation of immigrants in the US has since turned into one of the most vibrant fields in economics. The goal of this course is twofold: 1) familiarize students with the most important theoretical and empirical approaches that are used to study migration; 2) provide students with an overview of the most recent research as well as the most important institutions.

Textbook

The course is loosely based on the textbook

Cynthia Bansak, Nicole B. Simpson, and Madeline Zavodny. *The Economics of Immigration*. Routledge, 1 edition, 2015.

In addition, we will discuss scientific articles. **It is not necessary that you print out these articles!** For a list of references, see below.

Outline

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