

## **History of US Immigration**

This course examines the history of American immigration from the colonial period to the present. It begins with the settlement of the English colonies, comparing the models of immigration experienced in the southern, New England and Middle colonies. It then examines the role of immigration in the formation of the new republic. The mass European migration during the mid and late 19th / early 20th centuries is discussed, as well as the experience of Chinese and Mexican immigrants. The course then examines the impact of the national origins restrictions on immigration imposed in the 1920s, particularly on admission of refugees before and during World War II. Attention next turns to the Bracero program to admit Mexican guest workers to fill labor demands, particularly in agriculture. The course then examines the end of national origins quotas and the growing migration from Latin America and Asia, focusing particularly on the lessons learned from four landmark pieces of legislation—the Immigration Amendments of 1965, the Refugee Act of 1980, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and the Immigration Act of 1990. It concludes with an examination of the growth in undocumented migration and the security implications of such events as September 11 on the evolution of U.S. immigration policies.

### **Agenda - Weds, October 14**

- 9:00 Introduction to the Course
- 9:30 Settling the Colonies: The Virginia Experience
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Settling the Colonies: The Massachusetts Experience
- 12:45 Lunch
- 2:00 Settling the Colonies: The Pennsylvania Experience
- 3:30 Break
- 3:45 Immigration and the Making of the New Republic
- 5:00 Recap

### **Agenda - Thursday, October 15**

- 9:00 Second Wave of Immigration: The Irish, Germans and Scandinavians
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Chinese Immigrants: From Guestworkers to Excluded Aliens
- 12:15 Lunch

- 1:45 Third Wave of Immigration: Southern and Eastern Europe
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 Americanization and Restrictionism: Two Sides of the Same Coin?
- 5:00 Recap

**Agenda - Friday, October 16**

- 9:00 Between the World Wars: The Failure of US Refugee Policy
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Bracero Program and the Growth of Unauthorized Migration
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:45 Fourth Wave of Immigration
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 Lessons for Today

**Course Requirement:** Students will prepare a 3-5 page memo that takes an historical precedent and discusses the implications for today's policy development.

**Readings include chapters from:**

Baseler, Marilyn, *"Asylum for Mankind": America, 1607-1800.*

Cannato, Vincent J., *American Passage: the History of Ellis Island.*

Daniels, Roger, *Guarding the Golden Gate: American Immigration Policy and Immigrants since 1882*

Hatton, Timothy and Jeffrey Williamson, *The Age of Mass Migration: Causes and Economic Impact*

Kennedy, Edward M., "The Immigration Act of 1965." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 367: 137-149

Ngai, Mae M., *Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the Making of Modern America*

Daniel Tichenor, *Dividing lines: the politics of immigration control in America*

Zolberg, Aristide, *A Nation by Design*