

College of Social Sciences · Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences

Immigration and Identity Section 80 **SOCI 160**

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Course Information

Asynchronous Course

Fully Online via Canvas Learning Management System

Course Description and Requisites

Examination of topics related to immigration and population movements. Includes the historical context of major migrations, legal, political and social issues and debates, opportunities, prejudices, immigrant communities, intergenerational tensions, and social and personal identity pressures.

Prerequisite: SOCI 1 or equivalent.

* Classroom Protocols

Faculty Web Page and MySJSU Messaging

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, announcements, and quizzes, etc., can be found on the Canvas course website at http://sjsu.instructure.com. You are responsible for regularly checking the Canvas messaging system via MySJSU on Spartan App Portal at http://one.sjsu.edu and your email to learn of any updates. Please make sure that your email settings in Canvas are adjusted to receive class messages and assignment feedback at your current email immediately after they are posted. For help with using Canvas see the Canvas Student Resources page at https://www.sjsu.edu/ecampus/software-tools/teaching-tools/canvas/student-resources/index.php.

**Please use only regular email to message me at faustina.ducros@sjsu.edu, which allows for message threads to be kept together. Include a subject line that has the course name (SOCI 160) and the topic of your email. All emails should have SOCI 160 and the topic of your email in the subject, for instance: "SOCI 160 Question about assignment" or "SOCI 160 Emergency." You should write formally (i.e., an opening like, "Hello Dr. DuCros" and a closing line like, "Thank you, [your name]." You can expect a response in 24-48 hours, 9-5 Monday through Friday (except on holidays). Remember to give yourself enough time to ask questions about assignments that are due on Mondays to get an answer before the close of business on Friday so you're not waiting over the weekend. If you send a Canvas message, it may inadvertently be missed and not answered because Canvas doesn't allow threaded replies or the subjects to show in my email.

Course Format

This course will be conducted entirely asynchronously and online. Please consider whether this matches your best learning style as your success will rely heavily on your ability to be a self-directed learner, rely on reading as a core learning style, balance competing priorities, and manage your progress. You will need a computer, internet connectivity, access to Google Chrome browser, ability to submit Word files to Canvas, PDF reading and annotating software, computer/phone video camera for recording videos, and ability to access the Canvas Learning Management System through one.sjsu.edu. Though online, we will engage in electronic discussions that require your active participation as we closely examine the course readings, lecture material, documentary films, podcasts, and other content. All materials, assignments, and assessments will be administered online through Canvas.

Establishing a Committed Presence in Class and Instructor Drops

This class is in high demand due to its online asynchronous format. Thus, it is imperative that you establish a presence in the course and demonstrate your intent to participate by logging into Canvas on the first scheduled day of instruction or informing me of your intent to continue the class within 48

hours after the first day of instruction. If student presence is not established via these steps, I may use the instructor drop policy (S20-9) to drop you from the course and give your spot to another student waiting to enroll. I will notify you if this is the case via email.

Participation and Netiquette

Respectful and professional participation is expected of everyone. This includes

- Preparing the readings and actively participating
 - Read and annotate texts and actively watch or listen to other multimedia materials before the
 dates for which they are assigned on the syllabus. Research shows that reading and
 annotating hard-copy texts is the most effective method for increasing learning for most
 people. All of the readings on the syllabus are required unless otherwise noted. There may
 be suggested readings that are not required.
 - Actively take notes on your class materials. Research also shows that handwritten note-taking is the most effective method for most people (vs. typing and reviewing posted notes). I encourage you to exchange notes and study with classmates for additional engagement. If you need assistance with note-taking strategies, please see me and/or contact the Accessible Education Center (http://www.sjsu.edu/aec/).
- Being respectful to everyone in the class when they are speaking live, virtually, or in writing, including fellow students, the professor, and guest speakers
- Most importantly, this means <u>showing fellow members of our learning community a level of professional courtesy</u> that facilitates an open environment where the potentially difficult and sensitive ideas that are a part of this course can be explored fully. This does not mean that members of the class community always have to agree with one another. But <u>you must be thoughtful and respectful</u> about the way you challenge someone's <u>argument</u> by grounding the discussion in readings and without attempting to invalidate the individual's experiences, statuses, or memberships. Racist, sexist, homophobic, violent, victim-blaming, bullying/harassment, or similar types of comments will not be tolerated.
- Read "<u>The Core Rules of Netiquette</u>" at http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html to understand how to respectfully engage in the course online.

Sharing or posting of course material is NOT allowed, per University Policy S12-7 at http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-7.pdf. This also applies to materials posted by fellow classmates.

Academic Integrity

One of my tasks as a professor is to assess your learning and skills. In order to do my job, I need you to turn in authentic work of your own. It is not useful for me nor students' professional development to give grades on work that is generated by computer Al or people who are not the student. It amounts to a waste of time and resources that can be better spent honing your skills for long-term success. Thus, please exercise academic integrity in all work that you turn in. This includes not submitting other people's or Al/computer-generated work as your own (including Grammarly-generated work), properly citing other people's work (including professor's notes and the internet), not re-using your own papers or assignments from other courses (including excerpts from those assignments), not submitting the

same work to more than one class simultaneously, cheating on exams, or other similar practices. Doing so will result in not receiving a passing grade for the assignment and a report will be made to the Student Conduct and Ethical Development office. If you're uncertain about what constitutes plagiarism or unauthorized Al use, please come see me and I can guide you and/or check out this online tutorial at https://libguides.sjsu.edu/plagiarism (https://libguides.sjsu.edu/plagiarism). If you have a topic overlap with another course, you must see me to arrange for an appropriate solution. Some assignments in the course will be verified using Turnitin plagiarism and Al detection software embedded in Canvas. Please keep an editing history of all of your assignments in Google Docs to assist with authenticity verification and possible false positives. You may be asked to furnish a link to the document and editing history if needed.

Writing Assistance and Tutoring

Since writing skills are important in the workforce and you will have writing assignments that make up a significant portion of your grade, it is advisable to take advantage of the various sources of writing assistance on campus, including the SJSU Writing Center in Clark Hall, Suite 126 (http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter) and Peer Connections (http://peerconnections.sjsu.edu).

Health and Wellness

Supporting student health and wellness is an important factor in academic success. SJSU has resources on campus for various aspects of wellness at the Health and Wellness page at http://www.sjsu.edu/campus-life/health-and-wellness. Resources for general health can be found at the Student Health Center page at http://www.sjsu.edu/campus-life/health-and-wellness. Resources for mental health can be found at the Counseling and Psychological Services page at http://www.sjsu.edu/counseling/. Resources for accessible education can be found at the Accessible Education Center page at http://www.sjsu.edu/aec/. Resources for basic needs assistance, such as the Spartan Food Pantry, can be found through SJSU Cares at https://www.sjsu.edu/sjsucares/.

Letters of Recommendation

If you anticipate needing faculty letters of recommendation, please see the information posted on my website at https://www.sjsu.edu/people/faustina.ducros/ for advice on how to strategically go about this process in a timely manner (e.g., 4-6 weeks advance notice). Check this out early and feel free to come to office hours to discuss this as well!

■ Program Information

Program Learning Outcomes

- 1. Students will be able to think sociologically about the relationship between social structure, interaction, identities, and inequalities.
- 2. Students will be able to identify and explain major sociological theories and apply them to everyday life.
- 3. Students will be proficient in qualitative and quantitative research design, data collection and data

analysis.

- 4. Students will be proficient in oral and written communication skills appropriate to the discipline.
- 5. Students will be able to practice sociology as educated and civically engaged persons.

Course Goals

We will study key theories, debates, and empirical examples related to immigration and identity, including examining racialization, prejudice, and discrimination against immigrants; media representations; various sites of inequality and privilege (e.g., generation, documentation status, gender); and identity negotiation. The course will mainly concentrate on contemporary immigration, with a focus on a case study of Salvadoran immigration. The themes described here are only a sampling of those relevant to this broad field, but they will be a starting point for your exploration of the subject. Throughout the course we will develop and exercise the skills necessary for critical examination of the field of immigration. In addition, your participation in the course will help you develop your skills in effective research, writing, and public communication.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

CLO 1: Critically read and analyze primary source research about immigration issues (Modules 2, 3, 4, Reflection Essay #1 and #2, Discussion Questions)

CLO 2: Critically analyze immigration issues in media (Modules 2, 3, 4, Media and Immigration Discussion Assignments, Reflection Essay #2, Discussion Questions)

CLO 3: Describe and think sociologically about the historical, social, political, and economic processes shaping immigration patterns and experiences (Modules 2, 3, 4, Reflection Essay #1 and #2, Discussion Assignments)

We will accomplish the goals and learning outcomes through the following activities and assignments: Course readings (peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters), documentary film analysis, lecturettes, reflection and analysis papers, virtual class discussion participation, reading questions, and quizzes.

Course Materials

Sacrificing Families: Navigating Laws, Labor, and Love Across Borders.

Author: Leisy J. Abrego

Publisher: Stanford University Press

ISBN: 9780804790574, 9780804790512, 9780804788311

Availability: Available for purchase at the Spartan Bookstore and through online vendors. Available

physically and online through SJSU's MLK Library.

Other Readings

A selection of journal articles, book chapters, and news articles available online through Canvas.

Other equipment/material requirements

All course material and assignments will be administered online through Canvas so you must have access to a computer and internet. You will need to use Microsoft Word, Google Suite, Adobe Creative Suite, and be able to read and annotate PDFs. You have free access to Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite, Google Suite, and other software through SJSU. Click here at https://www.sjsu.edu/it/services/applications/index.php for more information on how to access the software.

Library Liaison

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The course material will be a combination of mini-lectures, reading assignments, online discussions, documentary film analysis, and other content. There are a range of activities and assignments that will contribute to your successfully completing the course. If you choose not to turn in the assignments or if you miss several assignments, you run the risk of not being able to pass the course with your desired grade. I reserve the right to adjust the syllabus as needed, but I will always give you advance notice via Canvas class announcements. Your success in the class will be based on completing the following elements.

Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally 3 hours per unit per week) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities, including but not limited to internships, labs, clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.

Final Examination or Evaluation

The final exam period is on Friday, 5/16/25 at 7:45 PM to 9:45 PM. There is no in-class final but you will turn in your final paper assignment (Paper 2) by the end of that period via Canvas.

Participation

5% Introductory Exercises: Introduction Vloq, Practice Assignment, Orientation Quiz (10 points)

These assignments will introduce you to the syllabus, Canvas, your classmates, and your instructor and help create an engaged community. The assignments are assessed on a complete/incomplete basis. More details are found in Canvas.

30% Discussion Board Participation and Class Engagement (CLO 1, 2, 3) (25 points)

Students are expected to be engaged learners. Points for this category are earned for weekly class engagement exercises embedded in the modules, including reading-related questions and nine online discussion/engagement activities (using discussion boards, Hypothesis reading discussion app). These are assigned on a Monday when the module is released and usually due the following Monday, unless there's a holiday when they will be due the next business day. You will be placed in small discussion groups that change three times throughout the semester; the quality of class online discussions rests in large part with your commitment to be prepared and to share your ideas with your classmates! If you don't read and participate actively, the discussion activities will not be engaging. The discussion board posts are worth 3 points each and are assessed on originality and development of thought as well as engaging with classmates. Hypothesis reading discussions are assessed on completion. There are also 7 1- to 2-point class engagement exercises tied to the lecture videos that are graded based on completion. More details on instructions and the rubrics are found in Canvas.

Please read the <u>Do's and Don'ts of Online Posts</u> by the SJSU Writing Center for best practices in online discussion board participation at https://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter/docs/handouts/Dos and Donts of Online Posts.pdf.

<u>NOTE ON FREEBIES</u>: I will automatically drop 3 of the 9 weekly online discussion participation assignments to account for times you cannot participate. However, keep in mind the more you miss, the less you'll learn. None of the introductory or video engagement exercises are dropped.

Reflection and Analysis Assignments

20% Paper 1: Census Profile of Immigration in Hometown/Current City (CLO 1, 3) (100 points)

20% Paper 2: Immigration and Media (CLO 1, 2, 3) (100 points)

This semester you will complete two 5-page assignments on issues related to immigration patterns, statistics, and media representations. The papers will be assessed on completing all components of the assignment, demonstrating thorough understanding of course concepts, and clear and persuasive writing. More detailed instructions and rubrics for the assignments will be provided in Canvas.

Quizzes

25% 3 Multiple choice/fill in blank/short answer quizzes (CLO 1, 2, 3) (10 points each)

Quizzes on the readings will be administered through Canvas three times throughout the semester. Quizzes are worth 10 points each and answers are assessed on accuracy. One quiz with the lowest score will be dropped and your grade will be based on 20 points total.



Determination of Grades

Grading Scale

A- grades	A-grade = 93 to 100%, A-minus = 90 to 92.99%
B- grades	B-plus = 88 to 89.99 %, B = 83 to 87.99%, B-minus = 80 to 82.99%
C- grades	C-plus = 78 to 79.99%, C = 73 to 77.99%, C-minus = 70 to 72.99%
D- grades	D-plus = 68 to 69.99%, D = 63 to 67.99%, D-minus = 60 to 62.99%
F-grade	F = 0 to 59.99%

- The weights of individual assignments are provided above in the Course Requirements section.
- Grades are not rounded up or down.
- Please keep all graded work until final grades have been issued. Any appeals of the grade of any
 assignment must be submitted to me in writing within 3 days specifying how an error was made in the
 assignment of points. Grade re-evaluations are not done over e-mail, require an appointment, and take
 into account previous unnoticed strengths and weaknesses; your grade may be increased or lowered
 as a result.
- Please make an appointment to discuss grades in office hours—I cannot discuss grades over email.
- If you need a grade verification filled out, please contact me via email to arrange a time to complete it and provide the paperwork ahead of time—I will not be able to sign it on the spot during office hours.

Late Work

In the workforce, it is important to meet due dates for tasks and projects to show your supervisors that you are a responsible employee who contributes to the organization's success in meeting its objectives. Likewise, assignments in this course are due on the dates noted below and on Canvas to facilitate your forward progress in the course and so that you can give, receive, and incorporate feedback. To this end, it is your responsibility to ensure that the correct assignment file is uploaded to Canvas and is turned in on time.

Assignments are due on the dates noted below and on Canvas. One week after the due date, the assignment will generally close on Canvas to help you keep on track with the course. If you will need to turn in a late assignment due to emergency or other unforeseen circumstances (e.g., illness, mental well-being, family emergency, etc., though you do not have to disclose the exact reasons to me), contact me as soon as possible and we can make alternative arrangements for you to turn in the assignment without grade penalty. Vacations, weddings, other classes' deadlines, extracurricular activities, or other non-emergencies are not grounds for late work, but you are welcome to turn in your assignments earlier if needed to accommodate these types of circumstances. Points for some time-sensitive assignments and exercises cannot be made up.

<u>The first Reflection and Analysis paper</u> has a rolling due date and may be turned in up to 1 week late without giving a reason and without penalty. This option does not apply to time-sensitive assignments including quizzes, class activity assignments that other students are relying on (such as discussion participation assignments), or final assignments.

Online Canvas quizzes must be taken by the due date and cannot be made up unless there is an emergency or extenuating circumstances, as noted above. Please plan your internet access accordingly.

Covid-19 and other societal upheaval: We are still feeling the impacts of a global pandemic as well as social unrest that are affecting many of us, particularly groups of color and other marginalized communities in our world. Many of us may be experiencing issues that impact our health, children, families, employment, access to technology, and overall well-being. If you are encountering challenges that are affecting your ability to complete your coursework, please contact me as soon as possible. I am happy to assist in creating a plan to help you find resources and work towards completing course assignments to achieve a passing grade.

Extra Credit

There are no planned extra credit assignments at this time. If opportunities arise, they would be worth one point added to the participation grade. Extra credit opportunities will be posted on Canvas if they become available. Completing an assignment may really only help if you have a borderline grade, but will not have a large impact overall so focus on completing the regular assignments.

university Policies

Per <u>University Policy S16-9 (PDF) (http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf)</u>, relevant university policy concerning all courses, such as student responsibilities, academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. and available student services (e.g. learning assistance, counseling, and other resources) are listed on the <u>Syllabus Information</u> (https://www.sjsu.edu/curriculum/courses/syllabus-info.php) web page. Make sure to visit this page to review and be aware of these university policies and resources.



SOCI 160 IMMIGRATION AND IDENTITY, SPRING 2025, COURSE SCHEDULE

(Subject to change with fair notice via Canvas/Email)

Week	Week Start Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
Module	e 1	
1	1/20	First Day of Instruction: 1/23/25 Unit 1: Welcome to SOCI 160 Introductions and Course/Syllabus Overview Unit 1 Participation Assignments Due on 1/27/25
Module	Module 2	
2	1/27	Immigration History, Definitions, and Theories Unit 2: Immigration History Portes, Alejandro and Ruben Rumbaut. 2014. "The Three Phases of U.SBound Immigration." Pp. 1-47 in <i>Immigrant America: A Portrait</i> . Oakland, CA: University of California Press. Film: "Race the Power of an Illusion" excerpt on immigration Unit 2 Engagement Exercise and Discussion Assignment Due on 2/3/25
3	2/3	Unit 3: Theories of Immigrant Incorporation: Assimilation and Critiques Bashi Treitler, Vilna. 2015. "Social Agency and White Supremacy in Immigration Studies." Sociology of Race and Ethnicity 1(1):153-165. Portes, Alejandro and Min Zhou. 2011. "The New Second Generation: Segmented Assimilation and Its Variants." Pp. 355-362 in <i>The Structure of Schooling</i> , edited by R. Arum, I. R. Beattie, and K. Ford. Los Angeles: Sage. Unit 3 Discussion Assignment Due on 2/10/25

Week	Week Start Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
4	2/10	Unit 4: Negotiating Second-Generation Immigrant Identities Maghbouleh, Neda. 2010. "Inherited Nostalgia' Among Second-Generation Iranian Americans: A Case Study at a Southern California University." <i>Journal of Intercultural Studies</i> 31(2):199-218. Butterfield, Sheri-Ann P. 2004. "We're Just Black': The Racial and Ethnic Identities of Second-Generation West Indians in New York." Pp. 288-312 in <i>Becoming New Yorkers</i> , edited by P. Kasinitz, J. H. Mollenkopf, and M. C. Waters. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. Unit 4 Engagement Exercise and Discussion Assignment Due on 2/17/25
5	2/17	Unit 5: Quiz # 1 Assigned 2/17/25. Review Materials and Complete on Canvas by 2/24/25.
Module	e 3	
6	2/24	Unit 6: Representing and Criminalizing Immigrants Chavez, Manuel, Scott Whiteford, and Jennifer Hoewe. 2010. "Reporting on Immigration: A Content Analysis of Major U.S. Newspapers' Coverage of Mexican Immigration." Norteamerica 5(2):111-125. Van Dijk, Teun A. 1993. "Media Discourse." Pp. 241-266 in Elite Discourse and Racism. Newbury Park, CA and London: Sage Publications. Unit 6 Engagement Exercise and Discussion Assignment Due on 3/3/25

Week	Week Start Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
7	3/3	Unit 7: Representing and Criminalizing Immigrants Continued Chavez, Leo R. 2013. "The Latino Threat Narrative." Pp. 23-47 in <i>The Latino Threat: Constructing Immigrants, Citizens, and the Nation.</i> 2nd ed. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. Film: "Harvest of Empire" excerpt Golash-Boza, Tanya Maria. 2012. "Racism and the Consequences of U.S. Immigration Policy." Pp. 81-107 in <i>Immigration Nation: Raids, Detentions, and Deportations in Post-9/11 America</i> . Boulder, CO: Paradigm. Film: "The State of Arizona" Unit 7 Engagement Exercise and Discussion Assignment Due on 3/10/25
8	3/10	Unit 8: Criminalizing Undocumented Immigrants Buenavista, Tracy Lachica. 2018. "Model (Undocumented) Minorities and 'Illegal' Immigrants: Centering Asian Americans and US Carcerality in Undocumented Student Discourse." Race, Ethnicity and Education 21(1):78–91. Fortin, Jacey. 2021. "Critical Race Theory: A Brief History." The New York Times, July 27. Retrieved August 18. 2021 (https://www.nytimes.com/article/what-is-critical-race-theory.html? fbclid=lwAR3jVWPcvu4dtzdCSqn25GkmRaYwc1rcnbYGHEqBHffKNWtATUg8_8iotvw). Kim, Soo Mee and Aggie J. Yellow Horse. 2018. "Undocumented Asians, Left in the Shadows." Contexts 17(4):70–71. Vargas, José Antonio. 2011. "My Life as an Undocumented Immigrant." The New York Times, June 22. Retrieved January 25, 2015 (https://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/26/magazine/my-life-as-an-undocumented-immigrant.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0&pagewanted=print). Film: "Waking Dream" Unit 8 Discussion Assignment Due on 3/17/25
		Reflection and Analysis Assignment 1 Due 3/12/25
9	3/17	Unit 9: Quiz # 2 Assigned on 3/17/25. Review Materials and Complete on Canvas 3/24/25.

Week	Week Start Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines	
Modul	Module 4		
10	3/24	Unit 10: Case Study: Migration from El Salvador and Sacrificing Families Chapters 1 and 2 Film: "Harvest of Empire" excerpts Abrego, Chapter 1, "Salvadoran Transnational Families," pp. 1-24 Abrego, Chapter 2, "Why Parents Migrate," pp. 25-46 Unit 10 Discussion Assignment Due on 4/7/25	
11	3/31	Spring Break	
12	4/7	Unit 11: Sacrificing Families Chapters 3 and 4 Abrego, Chapter 3, "Journeys and Initial Settlement," pp. 47-67 Film: "De Nadie" Abrego, Chapter 4, "The Structure of Trauma through Separation," pp. 68-100 Unit 11 Engagement Exercise and Discussion Assignment Due on 4/14/25	
13	4/14	Unit 12: Sacrificing Families Chapter 5 and 6 Abrego, Chapter 5, "Gendered Opportunities, Expectations, and Well-Being," pp. 101-132 Abrego, Chapter 6, "How Children Fare," pp. 133-158 Unit 12 Engagement Exercise and Discussion Assignment Due on 4/21/25	
14	4/21	Unit 13: Sacrificing Families Chapter 7 and 8 Abrego, Chapter 7, "The Consequences of Long-Term Family Separation," pp. 159-182 Abrego, Chapter 8, "Valio la pena? Is Family Separation Worth It?" pp. 183-196 Unit 13 Engagement Exercise and Discussion Assignment Due on 4/28/25	

Week	Week Start Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
15	4/28	Unit 14: Quiz # 3 Assigned 4/28/25. Review Materials and Complete on Canvas by 5/5/25.
16	5/5	Work on Papers
17	5/12	Last Day of Instruction: 5/12/25 Final Exam: Friday, 5/16/25 from 7:45 PM to 9:45 PM - Reflection and Analysis Assignment 2 due at the end of period

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