

CRJS 4850I - ST Immigration, Policing, Enfo

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Course Description

4850I. ST Immigration, Policing, Enfo. Contemporary issues in criminal justice. Prereq.: Junior standing or higher or permission of the Chair. 3 s.h. *Few topics in contemporary society have more significance and public policy salience than the study of immigration, crime, and border enforcement. This course is divided into three sections to give students a better understanding of immigration in the United States and of the methods used to enforce immigration law. In the first section, students will become familiar with immigration theory and typologies as well as the history of U.S. immigration policy. The second section of this course considers the perspectives on the debate on immigration and crime, while the third section uses the criminal justice system to explain the policing and enforcement of immigration law. Global immigration cases are also considered. To facilitate student learning, this course culminates in a town hall forum where students are encouraged to debate the merits of immigration and crime from various stakeholder perspectives.*

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Guarding the Gates: Immigration and National Security	Michael C. LeMay (2006)	9780275992941

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
10/19	All: Chapter 1; Graduate ONLY: Redburn et al. (2011)	CH 1: Overview of U.S. Immigration Policy	Due 10/25: Chapter Summary 1, Article Summary 1, Forum 1, Syllabus Review Acknowledgment
10/26	All: Chapter 2; Graduate ONLY: Haas (2010)	CH 2: Immigration Events 1820-1880	Due 11/01: Chapter Summary 2, Article Summary 2, Forum 2
11/2	All: Chapter 3; Graduate ONLY: Czaika & Haas (2014)	CH 3: Immigration Events 1880-1920	Due 11/08: Chapter Summary 3, Article Summary 3, Forum 3
11/9	All: Chapter 4; Graduate ONLY: Huntington (1993)	CH 4: Immigration Events 1920-1960	Due 11/15: Chapter Summary 4, Article Summary 4, Forum 4
11/16	All: Chapter 5; Graduate ONLY: Bevelander (2011)	CH 5: Immigration Events 1960-1990	Due 11/22: Chapter Summary 5, Article Summary 5, Forum 5
11/23	All: Chapter 6; Graduate ONLY: Shelley (2006)	CH 6: Immigration Events 1990-?	Due 11/29: Chapter Summary 6, Article Summary 6, Forum 6

11/30	Graduate ONLY Richman et al. (2014)	Contemporary Issues in Immigration	Due 12/04: Forum 7, Article Summary 7, Term Paper
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