

Minnesota State University Moorhead

ANTH 308: Migration and Human Adaptation

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: *.*

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 08 - Global Perspective

An examination of migration as an adaptive strategy used by people in adjusting to changing conditions in their environment. Explores types of migration as well as motivations and consequences of human movement in both the past and present and around the world. Same as INTL 308. MnTC Goal 8.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 01/12/2009 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Process of rural to urban migration.
2. Remittances and their uses.
3. Involuntary or forced migration & refugees, internally displaced peoples (IDPs), and oustees.
4. Transnationalism and its significance in today's world.
5. Gender and migration.
6. Seasonal/circular migration.
7. Return migration - what happens when people go back to their country of origin and why do they do this?
8. Role of international relief agencies and governments in the migration process.
9. Retirement migration - who, why, and where?

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Recognize that migration is a very old and time tested human adaptive strategy.
2. Acknowledge the various types of migration that humans practice and the conditions which favor certain types over others.
3. Develop an appreciation for the motivations of migrants.
4. Understand various elements in the migration process, especially migrant remittances.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 08 - Global Perspective

1. Demonstrate knowledge of cultural, social, religious and linguistic differences.
2. Analyze specific international problems, illustrating the cultural, economic, and political differences that affect their solution.
3. Understand the role of a world citizen and the responsibility world citizens share for their common global future.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted