PSCI 3100-002: Immigration Policy
M 6:30-9:20pm (WH 122)
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Course Description
Immigration is one of the most important forces in American society today re-shaping cities, suburbs, and rural areas, altering racial dynamics, influencing families, education, culture, labor markets, and politics. This class will examine these issues from an interdisciplinary perspective incorporating readings from economics, sociology, demography, and political science as well as the depiction of immigration in popular culture. Some of the topics we will address are: the historical evolution of American immigration policy, push and pull theories of immigration, the economic costs and benefits of immigration, and the future direction of US immigration policy.

Course Goals
1) 4) To be able to critically evaluate the topics covered in the course.

Teaching Assistant (TA): The TA is critical for your success in this class. Her job is to help you with grade issues, class policies and procedures, and substantive material about the course. The TA for this class is Victoria Knaupp. Her email address is: victoria.knaupp@gmail.com Ms. Knaupp will hold office hours on the following days: Monday 5-6:30pm, Tuesday 4:30-5:30pm, Wednesday 4:30-5:30pm, and Thursday 4:30-5:30pm. The office hours will be held virtually via the “Office Hours” application in the “TA Office Hours” tab on the course BlackBoard.

Course Materials: The following items are required and are available at the UNT bookstore and/or on-line.


2. Turning Point, Response Card RF-LCD. Each student must purchase a Turning Point Response Card—aka a “clicker.” (It must be Turning Point Technology—others are not compatible.) New and used clickers may be purchased at the UNT bookstore. Bring your clicker with you to every class. It is your responsibility to keep your clicker with you and to ensure that it has a functioning battery. Missed clicker questions cannot be made up. All students need to register their clickers through Blackboard prior to our class meeting on February 1st. (If your clicker is not registered, you cannot receive clicker points.) There
is a tab, “Turning Point Registration”, on the course Blackboard that allows you to register your clicker. After accessing the tab, click on “Register ResponseCard Device ID”. Then enter the Device ID on the back of your clicker and click “Register”. If you are unable to register your clicker, contact the TA.

NOTE: You may want to purchase spare batteries (check with the bookstores about the round flat medical battery). Do not just “throw your clicker” in your backpack as this risks damage. Also, some students make the mistake of not removing the plastic cover on the top of new clickers (this results in a clicker “not clicking”), and students wonder why they have a “0” for clicker participation!

**ResponseWare**: It is now possible to use web-enabled devices including smartphones, tablets, or laptops to respond to clicker question. I strongly encourage you not to use this option. The application is new to UNT and is being beta tested across campus. In a class this size, it will not be possible to trouble shoot all the potential problems that may arise from the use of responseware. The issues include (but are not limited to) trouble logging on, freezing, kicking a user off, and failure to record responses. **If you choose to use responseware, recognize that you are taking a risk that your participation may not be recorded.** Per my policy, should this happen, I will not change your clicker participation grade.

**Academic Dishonesty and Clickers**: The instructor and TAs will monitor the room all throughout class. If any personnel witnesses a student using more than one clicker, the student will immediately be removed from class. If you are caught “clicking” for another student(s), you and the other party will automatically receive an “F” in class. Additionally, all parties will be reported to the Office of Academic Integrity.

**Course Requirements:**

- **Two exams (worth 30% each)**. Each exam will consist of a mix of multiple choice, true/false, and short answer questions. The exams will be administered online in BB. The class will take the exam in the Sage Testing Center on the noted date. You must notify the TA by email if you cannot take an exam on the scheduled day and time. Make-up exams will only be given to students who miss the exam due to illness requiring medical care, required university activities, or a personal emergency of a serious nature. Documentation or prior permission is required. Make-up exams will be scheduled on the “Day for Make Ups” (during the last week of classes). You may not make up more than one exam even if you have an excused absence. The makeup test is long essay.

- **On-line Quizzes (25% of course grade)**: To facilitate better preparation for tests, there are on-line quizzes that are scheduled for every other week. The quizzes are designed to make sure you have done the reading and mastered the basic factual information in
the readings. The quizzes and assignments will be posted in Blackboard. You have two
two attempts with unlimited time until 11:59pm on the day the assignment is due (listed
below). Each student must submit his/her own work.

TO AVOID POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUES, DO NOT WAIT UNTIL
THE LAST MINUTE TO SUBMIT MATERIALS. NO LATE QUIZZES WILL
BE ACCEPTED. You must call the Help Desk FIRST if you are having
computer or technology issues (e.g. having trouble submitting assessments
online, taking quizzes, etc.). The helpdesk will issue a “remedy ticket number”.
Always have the desk fill out a remedy ticket so we can trace your call in the system.
UIT Helpdesk Phone: (940) 565-2324 Mon.-Th. 8am-midnight; Fri. 8am-8pm; Sat.
9am-5pm; Sun. 8am-midnight. In person: Sage Hall (Rm 130) Mon.-Fri. 8am-8 pm.
Email: helpdesk@unt.edu

• Clicker Participation (15% of course grade): This course relies on Response Cards
(“clickers”) to encourage interaction during class periods. The first clicker question is
given within the first 5 minutes of class and the last one during the closing segment.
Your grade for this section is a percentage of times you “click” in. We use clickers
every day in this course for public opinion polls and questions about assigned material.
BRING THEM TO CLASS BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY! You must register your
clicker on-line. It is your responsibility to keep your clicker with you and to ensure
that it is functional. MISSED CLICKER QUESTIONS CANNOT BE MADE
UP. Do not ask for credit if you are in class but do not have your clicker or if the
clicker is not functioning. I do not give credit for missed clicker questions.

NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Blackboard
A Blackboard conference is maintained for this course at www.learn.unt.edu. Students are re-
ponsible for checking Blackboard for assignments and notices. You should check Blackboard
at least every 48 hours to ensure that you are up to date on all class related information.
Quizzes and assignments (discussed in more detail below) will be submitted on Blackboard
and student grades will be posted on Blackboard.

Submission of Materials
All assignments are tracked in Blackboard Gradebook. This saves resources, as well as being
more efficient and effective. Most grades for on-line quizzes and assignments are returned
immediately through the on-line system. Material “disappears” on Blackboard after date
due and cannot be turned in for credit. You may always turn in assignments early. IF YOU
DO NOT RECEIVE A GRADE ON-LINE FOR ANY PART OF THIS CLASS, SEE YOUR
TA WITHIN ONE WEEK OF THE DUE DATE. I reserve the right to refuse credit if you
do not do so. Do not wait until the end of the term!!
If you are having trouble with accessing Blackboard, you must contact the Blackboard Help Desk because they are the best personnel to help you in the submission of on-line materials. They are on-call during scheduled hours. Email: vista@unt.edu Phone: (940) 565-2324 (Room 119 ISB). Inform them of the issue, and they will keep me posted. When in doubt, university computer labs and assistants there can assist you with problems you have with submitting materials.

Course Grading Scale:

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NOTE: I do not change grades unless I make a computational error. Begging for a higher grade will not work. I do not give grades via e-mail or telephone. I will not give anyone a special opportunity for extra credit simply because you are not doing as well in the class as you would like.

Class Policies

Department of Political Science—POLICY ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The Political Science Department adheres to and enforces UNT’s policy on academic integrity (cheating, plagiarism, forgery, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty and sabotage). Academic Integrity is defined in the UNT Policy on Student Standards for Academic Integrity. Any suspected case of Academic Dishonesty will be handled in accordance with the University Policy and procedures. Possible academic penalties range from a verbal or written admonition to a grade of F in the course. Further sanctions may apply to incidents involving major violations. You will find the policy and procedures at: http://facultysuccess.unt.edu/academic-integrity Violations of academic integrity in this course will be addressed in compliance with the penalties and procedures laid out in this policy. Students may appeal any decision under this policy by following the procedures laid down in the UNT Policy Manual Section 18.1.16 “Student Standards of Academic Integrity.”

Department of Political Science—POLICY ON CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM

The UNT Code of Student Conduct and Discipline defines cheating and plagiarism as the use of unauthorized books, notes, or otherwise securing help in a test; copying others’ tests, assignments, reports, or term papers; representing the work of another as one’s own; collaborating without authority with another student during an examination or in preparing academic work; or otherwise practicing scholastic dishonesty. The penalty for cheating or plagiarism is a grade of “F” in the course. Determination of cheating or plagiarism shall be made by the instructor in the course.

Classroom conduct

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students’ opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any
in instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities to consider whether the student’s conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university’s expectations for student conduct apply to all university classrooms. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at www.unt.edu/csrr.

Please refrain from using laptops (used for purposes other than note-taking), cell phones, iPhones, iPods, and the like, talking during lectures (unless recognized by the instructor), reading newspapers, falling asleep, etc. If you need a cell phone for emergency purposes, leave it on vibrate. If you use a laptop/ipad, please be sure the audio is off. I reserve the right to revoke the privilege of using devices if it interferes with the classroom environment or if it disrupts other students. Any student creating substantial disruption will be asked to leave. For repeat offenders, potential sanctions include dropping you from the class or giving you an “F” for the course. If you bring food or drink to class with you, dispose of it properly and do not make a mess for your classmates!

Accommodations (ODA/ADA)
The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. The Political Science Department cooperates with the Office of Disability Accommodation to make reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. Please present your written accommodation request on or before the add/drop deadline. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at http://www.unt.edu/oda. You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

Communication and E-mail
When e-mailing the course personnel, please include the course number (PSCI 3100-002) in the subject line of your message. A note on etiquette: please sign your messages with your first and last name, and include an appropriate salutation. (Hint: you can’t go wrong with “Hi Professor Branton” or “Hi Ms. Knaupp”) Please articulate the content of your message clearly—do not use text message or instant message speak. Finally, before you e-mail the TA or the instructor, you should review the syllabus and the course’s Blackboard page—it is very likely that you can find an answer to your question(s) by examining the course materials. I strongly encourage you to e-mail from your UNT EagleConnect account to ensure that your message is not caught by a spam filter.
If I need to contact you by e-mail, I will send e-mail to your UNT EagleConnect account. Each student MUST check their UNT email account regularly or set-up email forwarding so you will receive all course-related messages. It is your responsibility to ensure that you receive any and all messages I send to the class.

**Student Identification**
UNT Policy 2.2.23 states each student is required to carry their student id while on campus and must present the identification card to any UNT official upon request.

**Greek Life**
The instructor nor TAs will provide grades for greek life chapters or councils. If you require grade information for your chapter or council, refer them to your BB gradebook.

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**Class Cancellation**
In the event that classes are canceled, and there is a quiz, assignment, or exam scheduled for that class day, the work will be due on the next regular class day we are scheduled to meet.

**Revision to Syllabus**
I reserve the authority to change requirements by providing you with a 48 hour notice of changes in class and on Blackboard. You are responsible for any changes that occur during the semester.