Overview
This course offers a comprehensive overview of the key theoretical debates in the study of international migration. Immigrants’ political, economic, and social integration into their host societies, and their continued ties to their homelands over time will be explored, as well as the experiences of the second generation. Regional focus on immigration to the United States and Europe, particularly to Germany, Italy, and the Netherlands.

Role of Service-Learning in the Course
Main topics covered during the class include:
- A theoretical tool-kit for understanding global population movements and the formation of immigrant ethnic minorities
- The migratory process in global perspective
- The control of migration: politics, social activism, and policy in a global system
- Refugees, the international refugee regime, and refugee resettlement in Europe and the US
- The global system and patterns of immigrant economic integration in Europe and the US
- Patterns of immigrant social and cultural integration in Europe and the US
- Irregular and Unauthorized migration in Europe and the US

Service-learning provides students a direct connection to immigrants and refugees, and an opportunity to experience serving with migration-related organizations based in our community.

Assignments Related to Service-Learning
Students will be expected to complete a research paper based on service-learning experience. Discuss in your paper the main purpose of the organization and who they serve. What was your job, and how were you affected by the experience? How did your service learning experience draw on course questions, themes, and readings? Readings outside of the course may be necessary.