



Italian code: STAT-03/A

Credits: 9

Course: Migration and Society

Main language of instruction: Italian

Other language of instruction: English

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Objectives

The course aims to provide students with a critical and multidisciplinary understanding of migration phenomena, with particular attention to the European and Italian contexts. By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Understand the main concepts and definitions related to migration;
- Analyze internal and international migration flows using demographic and statistical tools;
- Examine the historical evolution and current dynamics of migration in Europe and Italy;
- Evaluate the social, economic, and political implications of migration processes;
- Critically interpret migration policies and integration strategies;
- Understand the living conditions, integration pathways, and social experiences of migrants in host societies.

Course structure

The course is organized into theoretical lectures, self-assessment activities, and interactive learning tasks. It is divided into five main modules covering migration concepts, international migration trends, migration history in Italy, migrants' social integration, and migration policies.

Competencies

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

- Understand migration theories, demographic analysis, and migration policies;



- Critically analyze migration phenomena and integration processes;
- Apply demographic and analytical tools to migration-related issues;
- Evaluate migration dynamics in different social and geopolitical contexts;
- Communicate migration-related topics effectively using appropriate terminology;
- Conduct independent study and research on migration and society.

Syllabus

Unit 1 – Understanding Migration

- Concept and definitions of migration
- Internal and international migration
- Sources and indicators of migration
- Immigration and emigration rates

Unit 2 – International Migration Dynamics

- Global migration trends
- Contemporary characteristics of migration
- Migration flows in Europe and America
- Integration and multiculturalism
- Italy within international migration systems

Unit 3 – Migration History in Italy

- Migration in Italy from the post-war era to today
- Italian immigration policies
- Demographic transformations
- Public opinion and social perception of migrants

Unit 4 – Migrants and Society

- Migrants as new citizens
- Family dynamics among migrants
- Labor market participation
- Social inclusion and exclusion

Unit 5 – Migration Policies and Governance

- European migration governance
- Hotspot approach and relocation mechanisms
- National integration strategies
- The Dublin Regulation

- Security policies and border control

Evaluation system and criteria

The examination consists of a written test.

Bibliography and resources

1. Materials to consult

Notes written by the instructor are available in Italian (part of the notes are also available in English).