COURSE DETAIL

IMMIGRANT NATION: THE CULTURAL LEGACY OF IMMIGRATION IN THE UNITED STATES

Country
Hong Kong

Host Institution
University of Hong Kong

Program(s)
University of Hong Kong

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Sociology History American Studies

UCEAP Course Number
149

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
IMMIGRANT NATION: THE CULTURAL LEGACY OF IMMIGRATION IN THE UNITED STATES

UCEAP Transcript Title
IMMIGRANT NATION/US

UCEAP Quarter Units
5.00

UCEAP Semester Units
3.30

Course Description
This course examines the complex social, economic, and political forces that have shaped American immigration over the past 400 years, with a particular emphasis on the immigrant experience since 1870. The course explores how immigrants and their descendants have shaped, and been shaped by, American political and economic conditions and have contributed to evolving notions of democratic citizenship and American national identity. Topics include patterns of adjustment (and resistance) to American capitalist and democratic culture; debates over immigration policy and immigration restriction; the racialization of immigrants and the overall impact of race, gender, and ethnicity on the immigrant experience; the role of immigrants in labor organizations and radical politics; tensions around marriage, the family, and children; intergenerational conflict within immigrant families; the contemporary “crisis” around immigration and border security; and the immigrant experience as expressed in popular culture. In the second half of the course literary works by immigrant authors from a variety of backgrounds are analyzed.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
AMER2049

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
American Studies

Course Last Reviewed

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