

Graduate Certificate in Immigration Studies Program Requirements

The Graduate Certificate in Immigration Studies requires a minimum of 15 credit hours (a core course, three elective courses and an internship or research paper).

Three of the classes (9 credits) taken for the certificate must be completed at the 500 level or higher.

1) Required Core Course (3 credits)

All students will be required to take either ASB 570: Immigration to the United States, JUS 555: Immigration and Justice or SOC 591: Sociology of Immigration as a core course. All three courses provide students with a broad interdisciplinary overview of the subject (from an anthropological, justice or sociological perspective) before they proceed with more specialized courses, research projects or internships.

2) Elective Course Work (9 credits)

Students will take three elective courses on immigration. Below is a list of immigration courses that have been offered at ASU. Students who wish to take an immigration-focused course not on this list for their elective course work must obtain the approval of the certificate director, Takeyuki "Gaku" Tsuda (takeyuki.tsuda@asu.edu), prior to course enrollment.

AFR 490A: Field Studies in the Diaspora
AFS 494B: Black Families Diaspora: US/Caribbean
APA 494: Special Topics: Asian Pacific American Communities
APA 494: Special Topics: Asian Pacific American Immigration & Social Justice
APA 494: Asian Pacific American Workforce
APA 494: Asian Pacific Americans and Globalization
ASB 478/578: Migration and Society
ASB 570: Immigration to the United States (if not taken as the core required course)
BLE 535: Sociolinguistic Issues in Bilingual Education
ENG 434: Literature and Culture of the Americas: Borders and Barrios: Chicano/a Latino/a Autobiography
ENG 434: Literature/Culture of the Americas:

Literatures/Cultures of the Southwest
ENG 494/598: Special Topics: Literatures and Cultures of Immigration
ENG 598: US-Mexico Border Writing (in Spanish)
ENG 636: Advanced Studies in American Literature: Border Fictions, Globalization and Inter-American Studies
FMS 441: Global Cinema
GCU 425: Geography of the Mexican American Borderland
GCU 494/598: Latino Phoenix
GCU 515: Human Migration
GCU 598: Geography of Hispanic Americans
HST 498: Pro-Seminar: Migration and Ethnicity
HST 591: The World in North America: Migrants' Transcultural Linkages, 1830s-2000s
HST 598: Refugees and the Humanities
HST 598: Special Topics: Transnational Borders
JUS 555: Immigration and Justice
(if not taken as the core required course)
LAW 706: Immigration and Law
LAW 778: Immigration Law and Policy Clinic
REL 405: Religious Pathways of Borderlands
SOC 591: Sociology of Immigration (if not taken as the core required course)
SWG 557: Southwest Borderlands Immigration
SWG 598: Immigrants and Refugees
TCL 422: US-Mexico Border Health
TCL 427: Health and Migration
TCL 441: Policy Issues in Chicana/o and Latina/o Urban Settings
TCL 443: The Political Ecology of the Border
TCL 444: The Ethnography of Mexican Border Rural Settings
TCL 464: Latina/o Literature
TCL 465: Putting History on Film
TCL 486: Transborder Latin American Short Story
TCL 489/589: Border/Global Narrative
TCL 594: Transborder World of Southwest North America
THE 422: Latina and Latino Theatre

3) Culminating Experience (3 credits)

Students will be required to complete a three-credit culminating experience, which can be an internship or a research paper.

Internship: Students may do an internship with Phoenix-based non-governmental

organizations or government agencies that provide services to immigrants and refugees. Such internships will give them professional training and actual experience working with immigrant/refugee communities. They can be arranged for academic credit through CLASWorks' internship program (ABS 584). Students will be required to write a 10–15-page report describing the organization and its specific internship work, as well as assessing the effectiveness and impact of the organization and/or their own work on immigrants. Students can also use their internship experience in order to describe and analyze an issue facing immigrants and their communities.

Research: Students may enroll in three credits of Research with a faculty member in order to do an independent research project. They must write a substantial research paper based on field research in a local immigrant community, library/archival research or readings on an immigration topic.

Certificate students may choose to specialize in the social sciences, the humanities, or Mexican and Latino immigrants in the U.S. Although the program emphasizes Latino immigration (given the nature of the immigration courses offered at ASU and the preponderance of Latino immigrant communities in the Phoenix area), students will have the opportunity to take broader courses focusing on global migration and other immigrant groups, as well as work with local Asian/Southeast Asian immigrants and refugee communities.

All requirements for the certificate program should be completed within a three-year time limit with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0. Students who require more time to finish the program (because of their part-time status or lack of desirable/available courses) must obtain approval from the executive committee (contact Takeyuki "Gaku" Tsuda at takeyuki.tsuda@asu.edu).

No more than 40 percent of course work towards the requirements of a graduate certificate can be completed prior to admission to the certificate program (i.e., students can use two previously taken courses [6 hours] to partly fulfill the requirements of the certificate). For students currently enrolled in an ASU graduate degree program, applicable certificate courses may count towards their degree program with the approval and consent of the degree granting program. For certificate students who are later admitted to an ASU graduate degree program, up to 12 credit hours from the certificate program may count towards their doctoral degree or up to 9 credit hours may count towards their master's degree with the approval and consent of the degree-granting program.