

IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES - BA

The Immigrants and Refugees: Borders, Policy, and Community offers students a strong, interdisciplinary foundation for understanding immigration as a social, political, cultural, and economic phenomenon. Students in the Immigrants and Refugees major examine policies, institutions, texts, representations, and social structures to understand multiple dimensions of immigration. Since the major is part of the CRST program, students will also approach immigration from a critical race and ethnicity perspective. The Immigrants and Refugees major is both unique as a major and increasingly relevant. Immigration is one of the most transformative and critical social issues, especially in Minnesota and the Twin Cities.

Students will have the opportunity to learn about a range of immigration issues through coursework in multiple disciplines, including Sociology, History, Economics, Women's Studies, Political Science, English, Critical Studies, and more. Students will have a choice of three concentrations, each with a different focus: *Race, Class, and Gender; Policy and Government; History, Narratives, and Identities*. Each concentration is aimed at different interests and career paths of students. Concentration 1, *Race, Class, and Gender*, emphasizes the importance of intersections of these social constructs in shaping immigration and immigrants' lives. Inequality is a major emphasis in this concentration, including the disparate impact of immigration policies on women and immigrants of particular religious/racial/ethnic backgrounds. Concentration 2, *Policy and Government*, focuses on policies affecting immigrant communities, such as health care, education, and immigration policy itself. Students in this concentration will learn about immigration through policy making at the global, national, and local levels, as well as non-governmental work on immigration issues. Concentration 3, *History, Narratives, and Identities* is a humanities-focused concentration that emphasizes the narratives, voices, and experiences of immigrants as well as the ways that immigrants and immigration have been represented in popular culture and media.

The Immigrants and Refugees major will prepare students with multiple disciplinary perspectives and approaches to immigration, which can be applied to careers in many fields, including social and public service, public policy, research through NGOs and government agencies, education, and academic research.

The Immigrants and Refugees major consists of 36 credits. Students complete three required courses, one or two methods courses, and four or five courses in their chosen concentration. Students who opt to take one methods course will take five concentration courses. Students who opt to take two methods courses will take four concentration courses.

Note: Students are advised to check the prerequisites for all courses with an asterisk to the right of the title prior to planning their program of study.

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
CRST 2050W	Foundations of Critical Studies of Race and Ethnicity	4
CRST 4850W	Senior Seminar	4

SOCI 3160	Migration, Citizenship, Community	4
Total Credits		12

Code	Title	Credits
Methods Courses		

Choose One or Two Courses from: ¹ 4-8

ECON 1090	Statistical Analysis for Decision Making	
ECON 3050	Quantitative Impact Evaluation: Applied Research Skills (*)	
SOCI 2200	People, Stories and Images: Qualitative Social Research	
SOCI 3700W	Sociology in Action: Understanding Social Worlds	

Total Credits 4-8

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration Courses		16-20

Select four or five courses from one of three concentrations. At least two must be at the 3000 level. ¹

Race, Class and Gender Concentration

CRST 2250	Critical Hmong Studies	
ECON 1120	Economics of Social Issues	
ECON 2994	Topics: Economics and Politics of Race and Gender	
ECON 3450W	Haves and Have Nots: Development, Poverty, and Inequality (*)	
ENGL 2120	The Immigrant Perspective in Literature (*)	
ENGL 3480	World Englishes: Past and Present	
HIST 3250	History of Civil Liberties and Civil Rights in the U.S.	
HIST 3560	Women in America to 1920	
POSC 3150	Women and Globalization	
SOCI 2150	Challenging Oppressions, Civic Engagement and Change	
SOCI 2350	Asian American Identities	
SOCI 2700	Social Movements-Social Change	
SOCI 3250	Cultural Anthropology	
SOCI 3450	Women's Issues from Global Perspectives	
SOCI 3510	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	
SOCI 3860	Neighborhoods, Cities and Inequality	
WOST 2050W	Foundations of Gender and Women's Studies	

Policy and Governmental Concentration

ECON 1120	Economics of Social Issues	
ECON 2994	Topics: Economics and Politics of Race and Gender	
ECON 3450W	Haves and Have Nots: Development, Poverty, and Inequality (*)	
ECON 3480W	International Economics: Trade and Immigration (*)	
HIST 3550	Revolution and Communist Rule in China	
POSC 2200W	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
POSC 3150	Women and Globalization	
SOCI 2150	Challenging Oppressions, Civic Engagement and Change	

SOCI 2700	Social Movements-Social Change
SOCI 3450	Women's Issues from Global Perspectives
SOCI 3860	Neighborhoods, Cities and Inequality
History, Narrative and Identities Concentration	
CRST 2250	Critical Hmong Studies
ENGL 2120	The Immigrant Perspective in Literature (*)
ENGL 2280W	Literary Themes
ENGL 2290	Women and Literature
ENGL 2402	Language in Society
ENGL 3480	World Englishes: Past and Present
HIST 2300	World History Since 1500
HIST 3550	Revolution and Communist Rule in China
HIST 2994	U.S. Immigration History
HIST 3250	History of Civil Liberties and Civil Rights in the U.S.
HIST 3390	Modern Middle East
HIST 3560	Women in America to 1920
SOCI 3250	Cultural Anthropology
WOST 2050W	Foundations of Gender and Women's Studies
Total Credits	16-20

¹ Students who take one methods course need to take five theme courses. Students who take two methods courses need to take four theme courses.

Immigrants and Refugees majors satisfy the Writing Requirement for Majors by completing CRST 2050W Foundations of Critical Studies of Race and Ethnicity and CRST 4850W Senior Seminar. They complete the Liberal Arts and Sciences Core Writing Requirement with two other writing-intensive courses (CORE 1000W The Reflective Woman and CORE 3990W Global Search for Justice).