

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FINAL PAPER

Theories of International Migration and the Incorporation of Immigrants
Fall 2019

The goal of our final assignment in this class is to review and synthesize the material we have covered and to think through how you could incorporate some of it into your own research. This should take the form of the initial selection of a research question, a short presentation on this to the class, and a final written research proposal.

Question selection and presentation: The topic should be a migration-related question that interests you. This may be the subject of your master's thesis, or it may be something different. You will need to submit this question during the final week of class (by 5:00 pm on 25 November) and then present it briefly to the full class during our final session (27 November) for feedback.

Research Proposal Content: The final proposal should begin with your question. It should then synthesize the existing theoretical framework most relevant to this question, and propose a research agenda for further exploring it using both quantitative and qualitative methods.

Research Proposal Length: 5-10 pages, double-spaced. I am giving you this range so that you have room to write what you want, but there is no need to use all 10 pages. What I want is a thoughtful and focused proposal. The paper should include citations and a bibliography and this bibliography is not counted in the page limit. You can follow any style for citations and formatting as long as you are consistent.

Deadlines:

- Submission of research questions: 25 November, 5:00 pm. Submitted through course website.
- In-class presentation of research questions: 27 November.
- Final research proposal: 20 December, 5:00 pm. Submitted through course website.

Evaluation: The evaluation will be of the final written proposal only. The submission and in-class presentation of the research question are to gain feedback for your own benefit but will not be graded. The final research proposal should show you have thought deeply about your research question and methods and have captured the main theoretical framework that currently exists.