DIASPORA, DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE, AND 
THE SHIFTING POLITICS OF ETHNICITY

Over the past half century, the United States has experienced a demographic revolution that is virtually unprecedented in the history of the nation. Largely the result of migration from Mexico and other Latin American countries, the changing demographic structure of the nation raises profound questions about the future of the social structure, the trajectory of the economy, and the changing nature of national citizenship. In this course, we will explore the history of the developments over the past century, paying special attention to changes over the past four decades.

REQUIRED READINGS:

Assigned readings will be drawn from the History 167 Course Pack (available for University Readers), selected articles available on the net, and from occasional course handouts.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

This is an intensive reading and discussion course. Students are expected to complete assigned readings each week and come to class prepared to have a critical discussion of themes raised (30 percent of grade). The major course requirement is a 15-20 page term paper (70 percent of grade) on a topic of the student’s choosing (after consultation with the instructor).

WEEK ONE—9/25: COURSE INTRODUCTION

WEEK TWO—10/2: POPULATION CIRCULATION AND REACTION


WEEK THREE—10/09: THE POLITICS OF CULTURE—WHITENESS AS AN OPTION

WEEK FOUR—10/16: THE POLITICS OF CULTURE: ALTERNATIVE PERSPECTIVES


WEEK FIVE—10/23: LABOR AND THE LEFTIST TRADITION


WEEK SIX—10/30: ETHNIC SEPARATISM AND ITS DISCONTENTS


**WEEK SEVEN—11/06: CULTURAL NATIONALISM, CITIZENSHIP, AND THE FEMINIST CRITIQUE**


**WEEK EIGHT—11/13: GLOBALIZATION, MIGRATION, AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION**


**WEEK NINE—11/20: RESEARCH BREAK**

**WEEK TEN—11/27: CITIZENSHIP AND THE FUTURE**