

FINAL RESEARCH ESSAY – ESO_n4007 CONTEMPORARY MIGRATION RESEARCH

Fifty (50%) of your grade will be based on a research essay (35%), including the draft (10%), and the peer review (5%). Please follow the guidelines below, and don't hesitate to contact one of us if you have any questions. We will answer most e-mails within 24 hours. You may come and see one of us for help during our office hours or e-mail to make arrangements for another time that is convenient for you. In other words, there is no excuse for problems with this assignment! We really enjoy meeting with students – please take advantage of this fact□!

We have also posted some **optional readings** under the Study Materials page, linked to the **Interactive Syllabus, under “WRITING RESOURCES,”** which may help you to think about how to pick a topic and develop a research question, find and engage sources of literature, and plan for and actually write your paper. There is also a citation guide from the American Sociological Association that you should follow for structuring your in-text citations and your reference list. And perhaps most importantly, there is a guide to acknowledging, paraphrasing and quoting sources, to help avoid any unintentional plagiarism.

STRUCTURE:

The purpose of this essay is to think sociologically about migration. The assignment is very broad – you may choose any topic related to migration research. You may write a conventional research essay or a research proposal for a study. We will approve the topic and make sure that your research question is narrow enough to answer successfully in an essay of this length.

The final essay should be approximately 10-12 pages (2.5 cm. margins, double-spaced, 12 pt. Font), for a minimum of 3,500 words, and a maximum of 4,000 words.

TIMELINE:

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| May 3, 2021 | One-paragraph statement explaining your choice of topic is due via e-mail. We will approve your topic within 48 hours so you can begin work. You may send this at ANY time; you do not have to wait until the due date. |
| May 24, 2021 – 11:00 | Draft of the paper to be uploaded to the HOMEWORK VAULT. |
| May 27, 2021 – 23:59 | PEER REVIEW of the Paper Draft to be uploaded to the HOMEWORK VAULT. |
| June 20, 2021 – 23:59 | FINAL ESSAY is due in the HOMEWORK VAULT. |

LATE ASSIGNMENTS will be marked down by 2 points per day.