Universidad de Navarra

Migration Policies of the EU (RRII)

Teaching guide 2026-27

INTRODUCTION

Brief Description: This course examines the role of the EU as a global actor on migration and asylum. It considers human mobility in historical perspective and analyses critically the responses (universal and regional) thereto. The course is intended to provide students with a conceptual framework and relevant methodology for the analysis of contemporary debates on migration and asylum in the context of EU policies.

- **Degree**: Degree in International Relations
- **Course**: Migration Policies of the European Union
- **Módulo**: Ámbitos geográficos y sectoriales de las relaciones internacionales
- **Materia**: Políticas Exteriores de la Unión Europea
- **ECTS**: 6
- **Academic year & Semester**: 2026/2027, Semester 2
- **Nature**: Compulsory
- **Academic staff**: Professor María Teresa Gil Bazo
- **Language**: English
- **Room, Timetable**:
  - Mondays 17.30-19.30, AMI-P0-Aula 012
  - Wednesdays 17.00 – 19.00, AMI-S1-Aula S02
  - *Please, check your personal timetable*

LEARNING OUTCOMES (Competencies)

CB2	Que los estudiantes sepan aplicar sus conocimientos a su trabajo o vocación de una forma profesional y posean las competencias que suelen demostrarse por medio de la elaboración y defensa de argumentos y la resolución de problemas dentro de su área de estudio
CB3	Que los estudiantes tengan la capacidad de reunir e interpretar datos relevantes (normalmente dentro de su área de estudio) para emitir juicios que incluyan una reflexión sobre temas relevantes de índole social, científica o ética
CB4	Que los estudiantes puedan transmitir información, ideas, problemas y soluciones a un público tanto especializado como no especializado
CG01	Analizar, valorar y razonar las diferentes situaciones internacionales a la luz de los conocimientos adquiridos.

CG03	Redactar e interpretar textos jurídicos, especialmente en el ámbito del Derecho internacional público.
CG04	Usar el inglés con propiedad según la terminología científica y académica propia de la Relaciones internacionales.
CG05	Saber expresarse oralmente de manera correcta y adecuada sobre temas internacionales.
CG08	Manejar con destreza las nuevas tecnologías de la información y comunicación aplicándolas a las relaciones internacionales.
CE01	Conocer los conceptos y técnicas aplicadas al análisis de los actores y relaciones internacionales.
CE03	Conocer y comprender los principales elementos que definen la política exterior de los Estados.
CE05	Conocer y comprender las teorías y concepciones de las relaciones internacionales en perspectiva histórica.
CE06	Diferenciar las distintas competencias y funciones del Estado, las organizaciones internacionales y los actores no estatales en el sistema internacional.
CE08	Conocer y comprender la situación política, social, económica y geoestratégica de cada una de las regiones a nivel internacional (Asia, América, África, Europa).
CE10	Comprender las instituciones, normas, procedimientos de decisión y políticas de la Unión Europea.
CE14	Conocer y analizar la cooperación internacional como elemento fundamental en la reducción de las desigualdades y la pobreza, conociendo los mecanismos para la implementación de la ayuda al desarrollo.

CE17	Analizar los problemas jurídicos y sociales que se derivan de las relaciones internacionales en todos los ámbitos con base en el conocimiento adecuado de los principios y normas de Derecho internacional.

PROGRAMME

The topics that will be considered in this course include:

1. Reflections on self and others
2. Conceptualising International Migration
3. The Development of EU Policies on Asylum and Migration
4. Asylum and Migration and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights
5. Refugee Status and Subsidiary Protection
6. Exclusion from Protection in the EU
7. The Principle of Non-Refoulement
8. The Human Rights of Migrants
9. Refugees or "Economic Migrants"?
10. International Cooperation and Shared Responsibilities: The Safe Third Country Concept
11. Socio-Legal Perspectives on Migration and Asylum: The impact of policies on refugees' wellbeing

The full programme for this course, containing more detailed information on all aspects of the course, is available in the Content area of ADI. Please, make sure that you familiarise yourself with it.

- Please, note that laptops and mobile phones are not allowed in class.

FORMATIVE ACTIVITIES

The Distribution of the student's workload measured in hours is as follows:

Theory in class periods	28 hours
Practical in-class periods	28 hours
Evaluation	2
Personal study	106

ASSESSMENT

Migration Policies of the EU will be assessed by **a mid-term exam, active class participation, and a final exam**.

- The **mid-term exam** will be a test/short answer exam that counts for 20% of the overall mark
- **Active class participation** on a weekly basis will amount to 20% of the overall mark.
- A **final exam** will take place at the end of the second semester (April-May exam period) that counts for 60% of the overall mark. This will be an oral exam and it will consist of either an essay question or a case-study.

June Resit Exam: Students who do not pass the course in the April-May ordinary exam period will have the chance to resit the exam during the June exam period. The June exam will be like the April-May exam. The resit mark will be either the mark in the June exam **OR** the combined mark of the mid-term exam, active class participation, and June exam; whichever is higher.

The detailed Marking Criteria for each class mark is available in the "Content" section of ADI.

Calendar:

1. Mid-Term Exam: Monday 15 February 2027

2. Final Exam (ordinary assessment period 26 April-18 May 2027): Exam dates will be published by Faculty. As it is an oral examination, each one of you will be scheduled on a given day at a given time.

4. Resit Exam (extraordinary assessment period 7-28 June 2027): Exam dates will be published by Faculty. As it is an oral examination, each one of you will be scheduled on a given day at a given time.

OFFICE HOURS

- Professor Gil Bazo's office hours (for feedback, guidance, and consultation) in Semester 2 are on Wednesdays 10:30 – 12:30 at Professor Gil Bazo's office 2790 in the Library building. Meetings can also be arranged by appointment: mtgilbazo@unav.es

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESOURCES

Basic Bibliography

S. Peers, E. Guild, D. Acosta, K. Groenendijk, and V. Moreno-Lax (eds.), *EU Immigration and Asylum Law (Text and Commentary): Second Revised Edition.* Volume 2: EU Immigration Law (2nd ed. Brill, 2012)

S. Peers, V. Moreno-Lax, M. Garlick, and E. Guild (eds.), *EU Immigration and Asylum Law (Text and Commentary): Second Revised Edition. Volume 3: EU Asylum Law* (2nd ed. Brill, 2015)

Complemenary Bibliography

European Journal of Migration and Law

Refugee Survey Quarterly

International Journal of Refugee Law