Syllabus Spring 2019

Anthropological Perspectives on Refugees

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Class Description

Refugees are a global phenomena. Since the United Nations Convention on Refugees to respond to post World War II refugees, people have continued to flee and claim refugee status. There have been a wide range of responses to these refugee flows. This course will explore the causes and responses of refugee flows globally. Topics will include the international definition of a refugee, refugee law, causes of refugee flows, the variety of responses to refugees, refugee asylum, repatriation and resettlement. In addition the course will explore the anthropological cross cultural issues refugees experience when they seek asylum and the experiences of resettlement in third countries.

Texts

Forced to Flee

Peter Van Arsdale

Lexington Books

0-7391 1234 1 pbk

Refugees in a Global Era

Philip Marfleet

Palgrave Mcmillan

0-333-77784-0

Requirements

Three 100 point exams	= 300 points
Ten Online 10 pt. Assignments	= 100 points
Online Presentation	= 100 points
Total	= 500 points

Grading: A = 90 – 100%; B = 80 – 89%; C = 70 – 79%

Important Information

There is a syllabus quiz that you need to take before Friday at 11:55 pm.

The quiz establishes your engagement in the class for financial aid

purposes so you need to take it. Failing to take the quiz by the Friday

deadline can result in delaying your financial aid. The score on the quiz

does not affect your grade.

Weekly Modules

The class is organized by weeks. Within each week there are modules. The modules contain material from your instructor that supplements the texts. The modules are required. They are your instructor's way of providing what you miss in lectures. Consequently, there will be a substantial amount of material from the modules on the exams. Further, in some cases you will not be able to do the assignments unless you have done the modules. The assignments are things you must do for credit.

Grading

Three exams. Each exam will be worth 100 points.

10 On-line assignments 10 points each and one

presentation = 100 points

On-Line Exams

The exams will be available for specified days (see Schedule). You must take the exam during those specified days or it will have been missed. Once you begin the exam you will have two hours to complete it. At the end of two hours it will automatically close. The exams will have only multiple choice questions and you should be able to complete the exams within one hour (this is the case when you instructor gives them in face-to-face classes), but you get three hours.

On-Line assignments

Within the week to week outlines there are activities, in this case on-line

assignments. These are required postings that you must make to the assignments for that week.

For example, in the Week 1 there is a requirement to post to some specific assignments. It is recommended that you write your posting in word, then go on-line and open that assignment and copy and paste your response. If you write first and save and

then use copy and paste you will have your responses saved to your computer inc ase something happens. If you write the response on-line and something happens during your composition and you are not finished you will lose your work. Better to write it on your own computer and save it and then post it to the list.

Very Important note: this is not cable news. Answer the question you are asked, not the question you wished had been asked. If you do not answer the question you are asked to answer you will not receive credit.

Another important note: unless you are asked for a specific list or definition, assignment questions require 100 – 200 words per question (some assignments have multiple questions).

Important Note: Do not use attachments to post your assignment answers. Also – do not copy and paste online material directly into your assignments, type it in yourself and you must reference ALL sources of information (you can use whatever citation method you choose).

Also Important: all assignment on time or late are due at 11 55 pm the last day of class.

There is also presentation. The presentation will be an update on a refugee situation. You will use power point or something comparable that can be uploaded to the class and other students can view.

Student Responsibilities

1. You are responsible for having access to both a web capable computer and internet access throughout the entire period of this course. Not being able to access the internet is not an acceptable excuse in a fully online course for missing a due date for either an assignment or exam.

2. You need to have MS word, Adobe Acrobat reader and Mozilla Firefox on your computer. Not having access to these capabilities is not an excuse for missing a due date for either an assignment or an exam. With the exception of MS Word all of the required programs are available for free download.

3. You are responsible for reading the syllabus, including the due dates included in the syllabus. The syllabus is available on the class homepage. Not reading the syllabus is not an excuse for missing a due date for either an assignment or an exam.

4. You are responsible for accessing the list of assignments in the class web site

and taking not of the due dates for the assignments. Missing an assignments because you have not looked at the assignments page in the class web site is not an excuse for missing an assignment.

5. UCF Instructors are only allowed to communicate with students through knights mail. You are responsible for accessing you knights mail for information on the class on a bi-weekly basis. Not accessing your knights mail account is not an excuse for not receiving information on upcoming exams and exam topics. If you have problem with knights mail it is your responsibility to contact the help desk and resolve the issue.

6. Exams in this course become available on Saturday mornings at 8 am and remain available until the following Monday at 11 55 pm. The exam, once opened, will remain open for 2 – 3 hours (depending on the number of questions on the exam). You must complete the exam once you open it. There is only one chance to take an exam so be prepared before you open the exam. The only excuse for missing an exam is a documented
medical emergency.

The final exam is available to make up excused missed exams (not for trying to improve previous exam scores). If you do have such an emergency you are responsible for notifying your instructor through e mail before the exam availability closes. The final exam will be cumulative. You are responsible for taking the exams during the period they are available.

7. You are responsible for asking any questions you have at the time you have them of your instructor through e mail. Your instructor's email is
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vance.geiger@ucf.edu and can be found in the syllabus you are required to read. Asking questions about issues that occurred more than a day after the problem occurs is not an excuse for missing a due date for an assignment or exam.

8. The syllabus clearly delineates the grading system for the course. You are responsible for reading the syllabus and assessing how you are doing in the course. Your instructor cannot discuss grades through e mail or in any online format per FERPA regulations.
9. Your instructor cannot discuss your grades in this class to any outside interested party, no one. If you are required to obtain information on your grades in a form requiring your instructor's signature then you must present yourself in person with ID during your instructor's on campus office hours found in the syllabus.
10. Do not just copy and paste answers to assignment questions. Write your answers in your own words that can convince me or my Teaching Assistant that you read the material (both online material and the texts). If you write a response long enough to use a specific quote (so that the quote is less than 10% of your response) and you reference correctly then it will not be plagiarism, which it would be if you do not follow the rules.

Week 1: 1/7 Introduction to Anthropology, Culture and Globalization
Reading: Online material
Week 1 assignment culture and anthropology due 1/14

Week 2: 1/14: Introduction to Refugees, Internally Displaced, People in Refugee-like Situations, The Stateless
Reading: Online material
Week 2 assignment intro to refugees due 1/21

Week 3: 1/21: Refugee Issues and Globalization
Reading: Marfleet Introduction, Chapter 1 and 2
Week 3 assignment causes of refugee flows due 1/28

Week 4: A Teachable Moment

Online material

Week 4 teachable moment assignment due 2/4

Week 5: 1/28 Refugee Issues and Globalization

Reading Marfleet Chapters 3 and 4

Week 5 perpetuating migration assignment due 2/11

Week 6: 2/4 Refugee Rights

Reading: Marfleet Chapters 5 and 6

Week 6 assignment Marfleet 6,7 and 8 due 2/18

Exam 1 2/16 8 am – 2/28 11 55 pm

Week 7: 2/11 Refugee Rights

Reading: Marfleet Chapters 7 and 8

Week 8: 2/18 Displacement and Migration

Reading: Marfleet 9 - 12

Assignment 7 Marfleet 9 – 12

Week 9: 2/25 Cases Papua and Ethiopa

Reading: Van Arsdale Chapters 1, 2 and 3

Assignment 8 Papua and Ethiopia due 3/4

Week 10: 3/4 Cases Bosnia and El Salvador

Reading: Van Arsdale 4 and 5,

Spring break 3/13 – 3/18

Week 11: 3/18 Cases Sudan and Palestine

Reading Van Arsdale Chapters 6, 7 and 8,

Exam 2 3/23 8 am – 3/25 11 55 pm

Week 12: 3/25 In Depth Case Study: Vietnam

Reading: Online material

Assignment 9 Vietnam and PRPC due 4/8

Week 13 4/1 In Depth Case Study – Cambodia

Reading: Online material

Assignment 10 Cambodia due 4/15

Week 14 4/8 Class Presentations

Reading: Online material

Last Day of Class 4/22