



## Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Business, Economics and Design  
School of Business and Economics

4NA003 International Migration, 7,5 högskolepoäng  
International Migration, 7.5 credits

**Main field of study**

Economics

**Subject Group**

Economics

**Level of classification**

Second Level

**Progression**

A1N

**Date of Ratification**

Approved by Organisational Committee 2009-06-17

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2010

**Prerequisites**

To be admitted to the course it is required to have 1-90 higher education credits in economics including at least two of the following courses: Intermediate Macroeconomics, 7,5 higher education credits, Intermediate Microeconomics, 7,5 higher education credits, Mathematical Economics II, 4 higher education credits or equal

### Expected learning outcomes

The objectives of the course are to bring knowledge of the present level of international migration, the economic causes of international migration, the economic effects of international migration and the immigrants' economic assimilation in the host country. Besides the course will give knowledge of methods to investigate these causes and effects and the economic assimilation of the immigrants.

### Content

The course includes the following parts:

- Description of level of international migration
- The economic causes of international migration
- The economic effects of international migration such as the fiscal effects, the effects on relative factor prices and the effects on economic growth
- The immigrants' adaption to the host country's labour markets. How will the immigrants' employment, occupational career and income develop over time?

### Type of Instruction

Lectures and seminar

## Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

Written examination and writing a paper

A retest will be offered a few weeks after the original test for students who have not successfully passed the original test. At least 5 tests will be offered.

The grades are Pass with Distinction (80%-100%), Pass (60%-79%) or Failure (0%-59%).

The examination is based on written reports, oral presentations and active participations in seminars.

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Students at Linnaeus University are entitled to have the course grade translated into the 7-step ECTS scale. A request to have the grades translated must be made to the teacher at the start of the course.

## Course Evaluation

A written course evaluation is performed and compiled into a report to be kept in the university school archives. The result and any measures taken are communicated to the course co-ordinator and presented to the students participating the next time the course is offered.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

### Required reading

#### Part 1:

Borjas, G.J., "Immigration and welfare magnets", *Journal of Labor Economics*, 17 (4), 607–637. 1999

Pedersen, P.J., Pytlikova, M. & Smith, N., "Selection or network effects? Migration flows to 27 OECD countries, 1990-2000", IZA Discussion Paper No. 1104. 2004

Zimmermann, K.F. "Tackling the European migration problem", *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 45–62. 2004.

#### Part 2:

Chiswick, B.R. "The effect of Americanization on the earnings of foreign-born men", *Journal of Political Economy*, 86 (5), 879–921. 1978

Borjas, G.J. "Assimilation, changes in cohort quality, and the earnings of immigrants", *Journal of Labor Economics*, 3 (4), 463–489. 1985

Chiswick, B.R. "Is the new immigration less skilled than the old?", *Journal of Labor Economics*, 4 (2), 168–192. 1986

Hammarstedt, M. "Income from work among immigrants in Sweden", *Review of Income and Wealth*, 49, 185–203. 2003

Hammarstedt, M. & Shukur, G, "Immigrants' relative earnings in Sweden – a cohort analysis", *Labour*, 20, 285–323. 2006

Dustmann, C. and Fabbri, F. "Language proficiency and labour market performance of immigrants in the UK", *Economic Journal*, 113, 695–717. 2003

### **Part 3:**

Bertrand, M. and Mullainathan, S. "Are Emelie and Gregg more employable than Lakisha and Jamal? A field experiment on labor market discrimination", *American Economic Review*, 94, 991–1013. 2004

Yinger, J. "Measuring racial discrimination with fair housing audits: caught in the act", *American Economic Review*, 76 (5), 881–893. 1986

Edin, P.-A., Fredriksson, P. & Åslund, O. "Settlement policies and the economic success of immigrants", *Journal of Population Economics*, 17 (1), 133–156. 2004

Ahmed, A.M. and Hammarstedt, M. "Discrimination in the housing market – a field experiment on the Internet", *Journal of Urban Economics*, Forthcoming. 2008

Fairlie, R.W. and Meyer, B.D. "Ethnic and racial self-employment differences and possible explanations", *Journal of Human Resources*, 16 (4), 757–793. 1996

Hammarstedt, M. "The predicted earnings differential and immigrant self-employment in Sweden", *Applied Economics*, 38, 619–630. 2006.

Hammarstedt, M. & Shukur, G. "Testing the home-country self-employment hypothesis on immigrants in Sweden", *Applied Economics Letters*, Forthcoming. 2008

### **Part 4:**

Borjas, G.J. & Trejo, S.J., "Immigrant participation in the welfare system", *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 44 (2), 195–211. 1991

Baker, M. & Benjamin, D., "The Receipt of Transfer payments by immigrants to Canada", *Journal of Human Resources*, 15 (4), 650–676. 1995

Hammarstedt, M., "The Receipt of Transfer payment by immigrants in Sweden", *International Migration*, 38 (2), 239–268. 2000

Hammarstedt, M., "Assimilation and participation in social assistance among immigrants", *International Journal of Social Welfare*, forthcoming. 2008

### **Part 5:**

Borjas, G.J., "The intergenerational mobility among immigrants", *Journal of Labor Economics*, 11 (1), 113–135. 1993

Behrenz, L., Hammarstedt, M. and Månsson, J., "Second-generation immigrants in the Swedish labour market", *International Review of Applied Economics*, 21 (1), 157–174. 2007

Hammarstedt, M. & Palme, M., "Intergenerational mobility, human capital transmission and the earnings of second-generation immigrants in Sweden", *IZA Discussion Papers*, 1943. 2006

Deutsch, J., Epstein, G.S. and Lecker, T., "Multi-generation model and immigrant earnings: theory and application", *IZA Discussion Papers*, 275. 2003

Hammarstedt, M., "Intergenerational mobility and the earnings position of first-, second-, and third- generation immigrants in Sweden", *Växjö University Working Paper Series*. 2007

**Part 6:**

Ekberg, J., "Immigration and the public sector. Income effects for the native population in Sweden", *Journal of Population Economics*, 12 (3), 278–297. 1999

Wadensjö, E., "Immigration and net transfers within the public sector in Denmark", *European Journal of Political Economy*, 472–485. 2007

Wadensjö, E. and Gerdes C., "Immigrants and the public sector in Denmark and Germany", in: Tranes, T. and Zimmermann, K. (ed.), *Migrants, Work, and the Welfare State*, University Press of Southern Denmark, Odense. 2004

**Part 7:**

Borjas, G.J., "The labour demand curve is downward sloping: Re-examing the impact of immigration on the labour market", *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 1335–1374. 2003

Wadensjö, E. and Gerdes C., "Some socioeconomic consequences of immigration", in: Tranes, T. and Zimmermann, K. (ed.), *Migrants, Work, and the Welfare State*, University Press of Southern Denmark, Odense. 2004

Del Boca, D. and Venturini, A., "Italian migration", *IZA Discussion Papers*, 938. 2003

Dustmann, C. and Kirchkamp, O., "The optimal duration and activity choice after re-emigration", *Journal of Development Economics*, 67, 351–372. 2002

Dustmann, C., "Children and return migration", *Journal of Population Economics*, 16, 815–830. 2003

Barett, A. and O'Connell, P.J., "Is there a wage premium for returning Irish migrants?", *The Economic and Social Review*, 32, 1–21. 2001

Boucher, S., Stark, O. and Taylor, J.E., "A gain with a drain? Evidence from rural Mexico on the new economics of the brain drain", *Working Paper*, University of California. 2005

***General reading:***

Sjaastad, L. A., "The costs and returns of human migration", *Journal of Political Economy*, 70 (5), 3–16. 1962

Borjas, G.J., "The economics of immigration", *Journal of Economic Literature*, 17, 1667–1717. 1994