Online Course (XCPD - 700 - 02): Global Trends in International Migration
Professional Certificate in International Migration Studies

Course Overview
Course Dates: 12 January 2016 - 3 March, 2016

Worldwide, international migration is a large and growing phenomenon, with more than 230 million people now living and working outside of their home countries. In addition, the numbers of refugees and internally displaced persons are at levels unseen since World War II, presenting challenges to countries throughout the world. Understanding the complex dynamics behind international migration is essential to improve policies and programs in addressing the multiple causes and consequences of these movements of people. This 8-week online course provides an expert overview of international migration and refugee numbers and trends, causes of population movements, the impact of international migration on source and receiving countries, and promotes the formulation of innovative and practical responses to population movements.
About the Course

This online course, which features 14 modules taught over a period of 8 weeks, provides an introduction to the major theories underpinning the study of international migration and displacement. The course focuses attention on domestic and international legal regimes regarding migration. It examines issues pertaining to the integration of immigrants in destination countries. It also delves into the nexus between migration and other key global challenges, such as security, development and environmental change. Through a series of lectures, assigned readings, class discussions and self-assessed quizzes, students will increase their understanding of all forms of international migration, with a view to formulating responses to migration in their everyday work.

Prospective Students

- Local, federal and international policy-makers and practitioners
- NGO professionals who focus on international migration and refugee issues
- Academics with an immigration research agenda

Course Objectives

At the end of the course, successful students will be able to:
- explain the causes of international migration, drawing from both theory and empirical evidence;
- assess the positive and negative impacts of international migration on source, transit and destination countries;
- describe the international legal frameworks that set out the rights of migrants and refugees, and the responsibilities of states;
- explain the strengths and weaknesses of the principal policy frameworks governing the admission of migrants, control of irregular migrants, and protection of refugees and other forced migrants;
- explain the importance of gender in understanding the causes and consequences of international migration;
- describe models for integration of immigrants in destination countries and explain the strengths and weaknesses of these approaches; and
- analyze the roles and relationships of the principal actors involved at the global, regional, national and local levels in managing international migration, including that of the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement.

Course Duration: 8 weeks online, 3 hours class time / approx. 4 hours study time per week

Course Fee: $495.00* (Regular Fee: $995.00)

Professional Credits: 3.2 Continuing Education Credits, which counts towards 1/6 of the Professional Certificate

Eligibility: Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies, including governance and senior management, branch leaders, staff and volunteers

*Registration at the Red Cross and Red Crescent rate may be done electronically at: http://scs.georgetown.edu/courses/1007/global-trends-in-international-migration#courseSection. To obtain the discount, please enter the following code REDCROSS15 (case sensitive).

Please note: Prior to registering, you must create a student profile at: https://portal.scs.georgetown.edu/portal/logon.do?method=load and click on 'create your new student profile' under New Student.

About the Professor

Professor Susan Martin is a renowned expert on migration issues and has written a number of publications on the subject. She holds the Donald G. Herzberg Chair in International Migration and serves as the Director of the Institute for the Study of International Migration in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. Previously Dr. Martin served as the Executive Director of the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform, established by legislation to advise Congress and the President of the United States on immigration and refugee policy.