



SYLLABUS

Course Title	Impact Seminar: Connecting Knowledge to Actions and Choices Understand Refugees and Forced Migrations
Course Number	LAR 303-ONL
Number of Credits	3 semester credits
Course Dates	10/14/19 - 12/14/19
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Textbook Information: (e.g. title, edition, publisher, ISBN)	The New Odyssey: the Story of the Twenty-First-Century Refugee Crisis By Patrick Kingsley ISBN: 1631492551 ISBN 13: 978-1631492556 Copyright 2017, Publisher: Liveright
Additional Course Materials	N/A.

Course Description	This course will develop students' teamwork and leadership skills to prepare for citizenship or work as they connect theory, practice and experience. Students, drawn from multiple fields of specialized study, will collaboratively analyze a complex real-world problem, develop an empathetic understanding of multiple perspectives needed to comprehend the issue, and propose possible solutions. Students will be engaged through experiential pedagogies selected as appropriate by the LAR 303 instructors. Students will publicly present work.
Program Outcomes	Foundational Area of Knowledge: Liberal Arts Studies Students will work to: • construct a reasoned understanding of a problem with evidence of relevant contextual factors, including ethical, logical, and cultural dimensions of the problem. • articulate multiple approaches for solving the problem and propose one or more solutions/hypotheses that indicate a deep comprehension of the problem. • engage all participants to foster a constructive team climate. • reflect on their progress on the essential learning outcomes, drawing on their specialized studies (majors/minors), foundational areas of knowledge, liberal arts seminars, and experiential activities in order to express their distinctive voices, define their own ethical values, and understand and prepare for their multiple roles in a just society. a. Develop critical and analytical thinking skills b. Develop oral and written communications skills c. Obtain a strong liberal arts component to balance the technical knowledge I have acquired
Course Learning Outcomes/Objectives	• Students will work to: Distinguish the socio-historical contexts surrounding the rise of modern refugees and issues related to forced migration. • Evaluate the role of States and Non-State Actors, Non-Governmental Organizations as well as National Human Rights Institutions and their response to mitigate refugee crises and issues of forced migration. • Synthesize the direct stories and lived experiences of refugees and their journey fleeing violence and persecution.

	Analyze a current or past refugee crisis in collaboration with a team in order to and propose a solution with a demonstrated understanding of the situation from the perspective of the multiple actors involved.
Course Prerequisites	LAR 202
Instructional Details	
Technology Requirements	https://www.doane.edu/faq/minimum-computer-requirements

Course Schedule

Week (Dates)	Assignments	Due Date
Week 1	- Self Introduction Discussion - Module 1 Discussion - Module 1 Book Reflection Discussion - Module 1 Quiz	- All Due Sunday by 11:59 PM CST
Week 2	- Module 2 Discussion - Module 2 Book Reflection Discussion - Module 2 Quiz	All Due Sunday by 11:59 PM CST

Week 3	• Module 3 Discussion • Module 3 Book Reflection Discussion • Module 3 Quiz	• All Due Sunday by 11:59 PM CST
Week 4	• Module 4 Discussion (group) - Part 1 of 2 • Module 4 Book Reflection Discussion • Module 4 Discussion (classwide) - Part 2 of 2	• Initial post and response (part 1 of 2) due Saturday by 11:59 PM CST • Book Reflection Due Sunday by 11:59 PM CST • Initial post and response (part 2 of 2) due Sunday by 11:59 PM CST
Week 5	• Module 5 Discussion • Module 5 Book Reflection Discussion • Module 5 Quiz	• All Due Sunday by 11:59 PM CST
Week 6	• Module 6 Book Reflection Discussion • Final Project Refugee Crisis submission • Module 6 Documentary and Paper	• Initial post and response (book reflection) due Sunday by 11:59 PM CST • Due Sunday by 11:59 PM CST • Due Sunday by 11:59 PM CST
Week 7	• Final Project Paper	• Due Sunday by 11:59 PM CST
Week 8	• Final Project Presentation • Final Project Peer Evaluation	• Due Saturday by 11:59 PM CST • Due Sunday by 11:59 PM CST

Grading Assessments

Type of Assessment	Points	Total possible points
Self-Introduction and discussion	20	20
Module quizzes	20	20 X 4 = 80, weeks 1, 2, 3 and 5
Module 4 discussion & debate part 1 & 2	Part 1 - 30 Part 2 - 20	50
Module Article readings and discussions	30	4 X 30 = 120, weeks 1, 2, 3 and 5
Documentary	100	100
Book Reflections	20	20 X 6 = 120
Final Project Paper	75	75
Final Project Presentation	50	50
Final Project Peer Evaluation/Discussion	50	2 X 25

****Note: Any assignment that includes a discussion is asking for students to comment on their peers post. As we are an online class, the way we discuss is through reading and commenting on peer's post.***

Online Courses ONLY

Online Course

This is an online course and therefore there will not be any face-to-face class sessions. All assignments and course interactions will utilize internet technologies.

Communicating with the Instructor

This course uses a “three before me” policy in regards to student to faculty communications. When questions arise during the course of this class, please remember to check these three sources for an answer before asking me to reply to your individual questions:

1. Course syllabus

2. Announcements in Blackboard
3. The “Question Center” discussion board

This policy will help you in potentially identifying answers before I can get back to you and it also helps your instructor from answering similar questions or concerns multiple times.

If you cannot find an answer to your question, please first post your question to the “Question Center” discussion board. Here your question can be answered to the benefit of all students by either your fellow students who know the answer to your question or the instructor. You are encouraged to answer questions from other students in the discussion forum when you know the answer to a question in order to help provide timely assistance.

If you have questions of a personal nature such as relating a personal emergency, questioning a grade on an assignment, or something else that needs to be communicated privately, contact me via email or phone. My preference is that you will try to email me first. Please allow 24 hours for me to respond to emails Monday-Friday and 48 hours on the weekend.

If you have a question about the technology being used in the course, please contact the Doane University Help Desk for assistance.

Phone: 402-826-8411

Email: helpdesk@doane.edu

Web: <http://www.doane.edu>

Computer Requirements

Minimum computer requirements for the successful use of Blackboard:

http://www.doane.edu/about-doane/offices/its/help-and-support#min_requirements

Minimum computer requirements for success in this course:

- Reliable computer and internet connection
- A web browser (Chrome or Mozilla Firefox)
- Adobe Acrobat Reader (free)
- Adobe Flash Player (free)
- Word processing software—Microsoft Word or Google Docs
- Webcam and mic

You are responsible for having a reliable computer and internet connection throughout the course.

Email and Internet

You must have an active Doane University e-mail account and access to the Internet. *All instructor correspondence will be sent to your Doane University e-mail account.* Please plan on checking your Doane Gmail account regularly for course related messages.

This course uses Blackboard for the facilitation of communications between faculty and students, submission of assignments, and posting of grades. The Blackboard Course Site can be accessed at <http://bb2.doane.edu>

Submitting Assignments

All assignments, unless otherwise announced by the instructor, **MUST** be submitted via Blackboard. Each assignment will have a designated place to submit the assignment.

Campus Network or Blackboard Outage

When access to Blackboard is not available for an extended period of time (greater than one entire evening - 6pm till 11pm) you can reasonably expect that the due date for assignments will be changed to the next day (assignment still due by midnight).

Grade Scale

A+ = 97-100% A = 94-96% A- = 90-93% B+ = 87-89% B = 84-86% B- = 80-83%
 C+ = 77-79% C = 74-76% C- = 70-73% D+ = 67-69% D = 64-66% D- = 60-63%
 F= 59% or below

Participation Policy	A student is expected to be prompt and regularly attend on-ground classes in their entirety. Regular engagement is expected for on-line courses. Participation in class discussions is an integral part of your grade. (Faculty to insert any additional class participation; see resource page for ideas.)
Study Time	Expectation of the amount of time the course requires students to spend preparing and completing assignments. Typically, students could expect to spend approximately 12 hours a week preparing for and actively participating in this 8-week 3 credit hour course. This actual time for study varies depending on students' backgrounds.
Late Work	(Include expectations regarding late work; please see attachment for examples.)
Submitting Assignments	(Include expectations regarding students' submission of assignments, for example, in class or in Blackboard.)
Communication Policy including Assignment Feedback	(State your policy on timeliness of communicating with students and length of time needed before assignments will be graded, e.g. 48 hours.)
Academic Integrity Policy	Doane University expects and requires all its students to act with honesty and integrity and respect the rights of others in carrying out all academic assignments. Academic dishonesty, the act of knowingly and willingly attempting or assisting others to gain academic success by dishonest means, is defined in four categories: 1. Cheating - "Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized information or study aids in an academic exercise." 2. Fabrication - "Intentional and unauthorized falsification of invention or any information or citation in an academic exercise."

	3. Facilitating Academic Dishonesty - "Intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another to commit an act of dishonesty," and/or coercing others to do the same. 4. Plagiarism - "Intentionally or knowingly representing the words or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise," in both oral and written projects. Gehring, D., Nuss, E.M., & Pavela, G. (1986). Issues and perspectives on academic integrity. Columbus, OH: National Association of Student Personnel Administrators For more information on the sanctions for academic dishonesty, please visit the website: https://catalog.doane.edu/content.php?catoid=16&navoid=1333
Academic Support	Please contact academicsupport@doane.edu https://www.doane.edu/graduate-and-adult/academic-support
Disability Services	https://www.doane.edu/disability-services Doane University supports reasonable accommodations to allow participation by individuals with disabilities. Any request for accommodation must be initiated by the student as soon as possible. Each student receiving accommodations is responsible for his or her educational and personal needs while enrolled at Doane University.
Military Services	https://www.doane.edu/graduate-and-adult/military
Anti-Harassment Policy	http://catalog.doane.edu/content.php?catoid=5&navoid=452
Grade Appeal Process	http://catalog.doane.edu/content.php?catoid=5&navoid=238
Credit Hour Definition	Doane University follows the federal guideline defining a credit hour as one hour (50 minutes) of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks (one semester), or the equivalent amount of work over a different time period (e.g., an 8-week term). This definition applies to courses regardless of delivery format, and thus includes in-person, online, and hybrid courses (combination of in-person and online). It also applies to internship, laboratory, performance, practicum, research, student teaching, and studio courses, among other contexts.

Syllabus Changes	Circumstances may occur which require adjustments to the syllabus. Changes will be made public at the earliest possible time.
Doane Syllabus Addendum	Each student is responsible for being aware of the policies, resources, and expectations as specified in the Doane Syllabus Addendum located at https://www.doane.edu/Syllabus .