Migration is an important development in the world today. Migrants move for very different reasons; to find a high paid job or to escape from a violent conflict. The minor Global Migration gives students understanding of processes, causes and impacts of migration. Migration is also a very politicised topic, not always informed by facts. The minor helps students to critically assess public debates and policies, using insights from different theories and disciplines and through interactive lectures, seminars, field visits and interviews with migrants and practitioners. It concludes with a ‘migration lab’ in which students are confronted with a real life policy challenge.

FACTS & FIGURES

Global Migration

Type Minor
Credits 30 EC
Period Semester 1
Language English, Dutch
Entry requirements 42 ECTS from a first year university BSc
The Minor will provide students with the following knowledge, experiences and skills:

- Knowledge of historical and current international migration patterns
- Understanding of theories on the causes, continuation and impacts of migration across the social sciences
- Critically assess public debates, dissect underlying assumptions, and evaluate the effects and effectiveness of migration and integration policies
- Understanding of the lived experiences of migrants and the complexity of policy making in this field
- Apply knowledge from the field of migration studies in addressing migration related issues
- Debating, discussing, writing about and presenting migration-related issues.

Courses
The Minor consists of three tiers. The core course Introduction to Migration Studies gives fundamental insights into process, causes and impacts of migration. The course highlights the diversity of impacts and experiences in different world regions.

Running simultaneously to the core course, two shorter and more practice oriented courses provide more in-depth insights and on two key dimensions: 1) Migrants motives and Migration policy and 2) Immigrant Integration and the impacts of migration on destination societies.

The third tier of the minor consists of a 6 EC Migration Lab in which students are confronted with a real life policy challenge and present possible solutions.

Application
International exchange students are contacted by their programme coordinator regarding enrolment. Students from Dutch universities can enrol in the following way: Eerst inschrijven bij de UvA als bijvakstudent, dan aanmelden voor de minor via het aanmeldformulier in de studiegids, tot slot inschrijven voor de vakken via SIS.