

Blended Intensive Program

Migration Narratives: Towards Border Literacy in Europe and the Americas

Important note:

Students interested in this program have to apply to their home university according to the internal procedure. Student applications made directly to the hosting institution will not be considered.

General information

Course Title	Migration Narratives: Towards Border Literacy in Europe and the Americas
Coordinating institution	Kiel University (CAU)
Partner institutions	University of Gdańsk (UG) University of Split (UNIST) University of Brest (UBO)
BIP Code	2025-1-DE01-KA131-HED-000337132-1
Abstract	This is an introductory course in border and migration studies in the context of Europe and the Americas. It will take a comparative, experiential, project-based, and collaborative approach. The course includes lectures, case studies, field trips, meetings with experts, group assignments and discussions, and creative projects.
Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nominations deadline: June 5, 2026 ● Student confirmation of acceptance: July 1, 2026 ● 1st Virtual part: Oct. 5, 2026 ● On-site Intensive Course in Kiel (physical mobility): Oct. 12-16, 2026 ● 2nd Virtual part: Nov. 16, 2026 ● 3rd Virtual part: Nov. 30, 2026 ● 4th Virtual part: Dec. 14, 2026 (final examination)
Total number of hours	150h
Teacher(s) in charge	Jutta Zimmermann (CAU) Grzegorz Welizarowicz (UG) Gordan Matas (UNIST) Jean-Marc Serme (UBO)
Number of participants	The minimum number of participants is 10, the maximum is 25. UG, UNIST and UBO can propose up to 5 students each. 5 more students can be nominated by other SEA-EU partner

	universities (1 per other partner university). Keeping a waiting list is welcomed.
Mobility costs	This mobility is eligible for Erasmus+. Please contact your university for more information.
Contact	Regarding organisational aspects: Jutta Zimmermann, zimmermann@anglistik.uni-kiel.de Regarding pedagogical aspects: Jutta Zimmermann, zimmermann@anglistik.uni-kiel.de ; Gordan Matas, gmatas@ffst.hr ; Grzegorz Welizarowicz, grzegorz.welizarowicz@ug.edu.pl ; Jean-Marc Serme, serme@univ-brest.fr

Pedagogical content

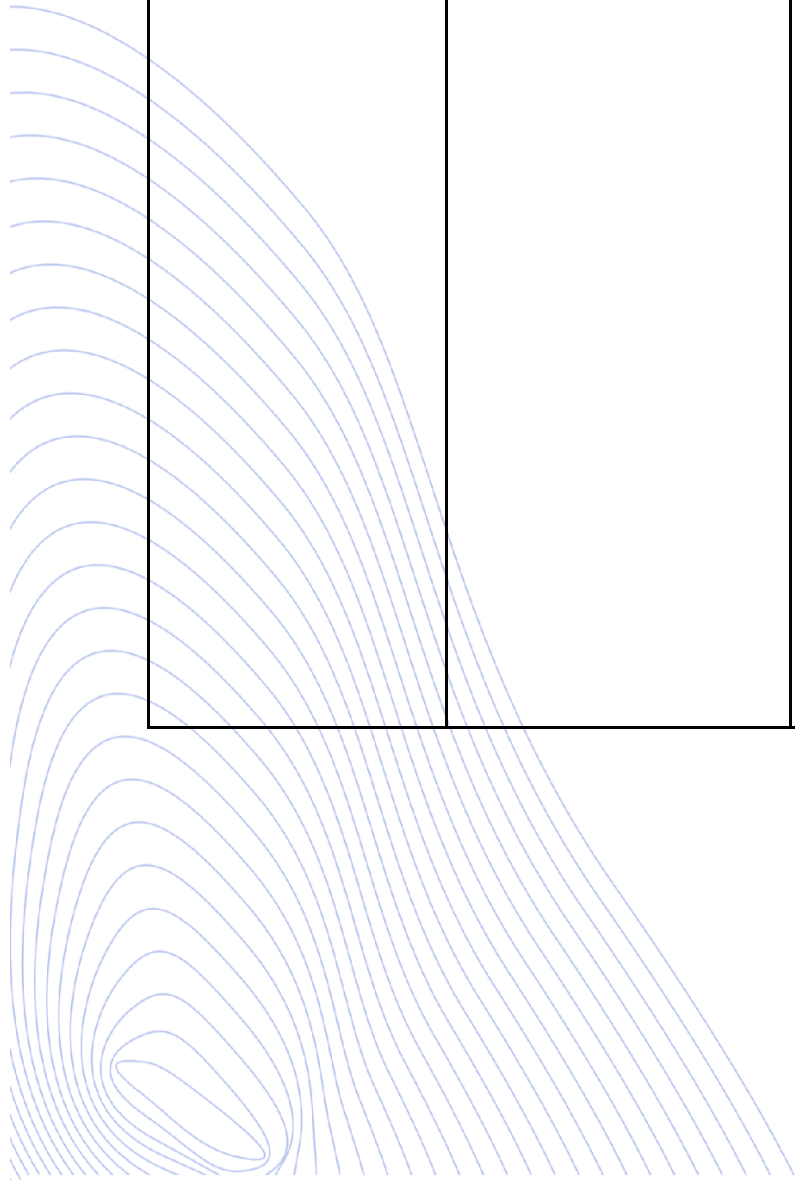
Target group / Expected student profile	Anglophone studies Master's students; Literature, History, Geography and Sociology Master's students
ISCED code	0200 Arts and Humanities (not further defined)
Requirements Academic background	English C1 (test can be taken on EU academy)
Learning objectives/outcomes	The students will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about the concepts and terminology of border and migration studies • Develop urban and topographic literacy • Learn about the geographic and cultural specificities of a European region and its relations to the Americas • Further their research skills including the definition of a research question and the making of a bibliography • Develop critical analytical skills • Increase their collaborative and creative skills • Increase intercultural competence
Any required material/software to take part to the course	A computer A cell phone (optional camera and sound recording equipment)
ECTS	5 ECTS

Evaluation	Attendance and active participation 2 presentations (project proposal in Kiel and final presentation of project in online meeting); short written reflection on project
Transcript of records will be issued ...	We'll grade students according to their home university system
Language of the course	English

Structure of the course

	Timing	Learning Objective, Contents, Modalities of work, evaluation
Virtual part	1st virtual part	<p>Oct. 5, 2026 Organizational meeting:</p> <p>What the course is about (30mn) Teachers introduce themselves</p> <p>Lectures (1h)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to border studies • Introduction to migration narratives <p><u>Assignment:</u> go out to your city and document a border issue there (interviewing people; taking pictures showing some internal borders – in their geographical, historical, social, ethnic, cultural aspects; imagining an artistic approach to the issue, etc.) and prepare a short oral report. (5h)</p> <p>Assigned reading list for 2nd part (3.5h)</p>
	2nd, 3rd and 4th virtual part (6h)	<p>3 online meetings (3x 90 minutes): Nov. 16, Nov. 30 and Dec. 14, 2026</p>
Physical part	On-site meeting (37h)	<p>Oct. 12-16, 2026</p> <p>Monday (8h):</p> <p><u>Morning:</u> Introductory meeting – group meetings and presentations/border experience (2h) Lectures on concepts (2h)</p>

		<p><u>Afternoon:</u> Seminar on border studies and migration narratives: discussion of student presentations (4h)</p> <p>Tuesday (8h) <u>Morning:</u> City tour Kiel (4h)</p> <p><u>Afternoon:</u> Lecture 1 (2h) Lecture 2 (2h)</p> <p><u>Evening:</u> Video Screening + Discussion</p> <p>Wednesday (8h)</p> <p><u>Morning:</u> Lecture 3 (2h)</p> <p><u>Afternoon:</u> Field trip to Hamburg</p> <p>Thursday (6h) <u>Morning:</u> Lecture 4 (2h) Workshop: Writing nearby (2h)</p> <p><u>Afternoon:</u> choice of a topic and planning of the final project (4h)</p> <p>Friday (7h)</p> <p><u>Morning:</u> group work (4h)</p> <p><u>Afternoon:</u> oral presentation of project proposals with a visual aid (3h)</p>
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Practical information

Accommodation recommendations		Further information will be provided to the selected participants.
The physical mobility will take place at... (address of the course)		<p>Kiel University Leibnizstr. 10, room 225 24118 Kiel Germany</p> <p>On Tuesday, Oct. 13: Internationales Begegnungszentrum der Uni Kiel (IBZ) Kiellinie 5 24105 Kiel</p>
Tips		<p><u>by plane:</u> The closest airport is Hamburg (HAM); to get to Kiel there is a bus called KIELIUS (https://kielius-onlinebuchung.de/)</p> <p><u>by train:</u> The closest train station is “Kiel Hbf”; timetables and tickets: https://int.bahn.de/en</p> <p><u>local bus:</u> The local bus system is quite frequent, the App “NAH SH” is recommended to see the timetables → the nearest bus stops to where the course takes place on campus (Leibnizstr. 10) are called “Leibnizstraße” and “Uni-Bibliothek”</p>
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