

CENTRE FOR MIGRATION STUDIES

PHD PROGRAMME

1. Aims and Objectives:

State the Aims and objectives of the programme.

The Centre for Migration Studies was established to undertake research, teaching and training, capacity building, policy assessment, development and dissemination in the area of migration. Being the first of its kind in the West Africa Sub-region, the establishment of the Centre was necessary to bridge the information and policy gap in migration- related issues in Ghana.

2. Components of the programme:

(a) Core course (s);

PhD

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
MIST 701	Theories of Migration	3
MIST 703	Advanced quantitative Research Methods	3
MIST 702	Legal and Policy Dimension of Migration	3
MIST 704	Qualitative Research Methodology	3

(b) Elective course (s);

PhD

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
MIST 705	Demographic Processes, Social Dynamics and Migration	3
MIST 707	Contemporary Issues in Forced Migration	3
MIST 709	Advanced Labour Migration Studies	3
MIST 706	Migration and Development	3
MIST 708	Gendered Dynamics of Migration	3
MIST 7010	Environmental change and Migration	3

(c) Mandatory course(s)

N/A

(d) Research component;

PhD

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
MIST 700	Dissertation	45
	Seminar	12

- (e) Competence-Based Training(CBT) component : N/A
- (f) Problem-Based Learning(PBL) component: N/A
- (g) Practical training, industrial attachment, internship, clinical experience, etc.,: N/A
- (h) Structure of the programme (Semester-by-semester schedule/structure of course, showing the credit value of each course)

Course Structure

First Semester Core Courses

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MIST 701	Theories of Migration	3
MIST 703	Advanced Quantitative Research Methods	3

Elective Courses

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MIST 705	Demographic Processes, Social Dynamics and Migration	3
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Second Semester Core Courses

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
MIST 702	Legal and Policy Dimension of Migration	3
MIST 704	Qualitative Research Methodology	3

Elective Courses

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
MIST 706	Migration and Development	3
MIST 708	Gendered Dynamics of Migration	3

COURSE DESCRIPTION

MIST 701: Theories of Migration

This course is designed to introduce students to the main theories of migration. The course will examine the micro, meso and macro aspects of migration. In order to emphasize the course plurality, a historical and interdisciplinary perspective is adopted. Relevant case-studies will be examined as a means of illustrating the use of empirical and theoretical tools in the process of analyzing the movement of people. As part of this course, each student will be required to submit a term paper written on the theories underpinning his/her research project.

MIST 702: Legal and Policy Dimensions of Migration

This course is designed to introduce graduate students to the main legal and policy issues associated with the movement of people from one place to another. It seeks to provide students with the skills needed to develop solutions to problems concerning unauthorized migration, legal immigration and forced migration. By the end of the course, students should be able to analyse how government laws and policies influence migration patterns. Specifically, topics to be studied include: International legal framework governing migration; visa systems, asylum and citizenship; formulation of migration policy; and migrant/host community relationships.

MIST 703: Advanced Quantitative Research Methods

The course will introduce students to practical ways of conceptualizing, collecting and analyzing research information or data. The following topics will be covered: key concepts in quantitative research methods, sampling and elementary data analysis, conceptualizing relationships and measuring associations (frequency distributions, hypothesis testing, correlations etc), univariate and multivariate regression analysis, cross sectional survey research (questionnaires, sample responses issues, missing data etc), multiple indicators in social science research, pathway analysis and causal analysis, simple and multiple factor experiments, analyzing categorical variables, aggregate data analysis and time series data.

MIST 704 Qualitative Research Methodologies

This course examines the various qualitative research methods and approaches that can be applied to investigate migration phenomena, patterns and processes. Students are expected to have a solid understanding of the epistemological underpinnings of the qualitative research methods as well as acquire skills for migration research. The course shall therefore combine instruction on theory and concepts with practical application for the acquisition of research skills for migration research based on qualitative research methods. Several hands-on practical sessions will be done in the classroom. Field work shall also be an important component of the course.

MIST 705: Demographic Processes, Social Dynamics and Migration

This course examines the Global South-Global North migration as a characteristic aspect of the demographic processes in the two global regions: movements from the Global South as response to the effects/implications of the demographic transition of the Global North. It focuses on the social dynamics that have accompanied the unique demographic processes taking place in the two regions, specifically the emergence of a global child care and elderly industry, transnational child care arrangements, the role of intersectionality in the development of these industries and arrangements, the associated emerging human rights/public policy issues, among others.

MIST 706: Migration and Development

This course introduces students to the inter-relationship between migration and development. This will also entail analyzing the influence of migration on the various aspects of development (i.e. economic, social, and political). Course participants will also apply and relate to certain key concepts such as globalization, migration, institutional constraints, agency and livelihoods in their chosen area of research. The

course will also enable students to understand the relationship between migration and development in various parts of the world.

MIST 707: Contemporary Issues in Forced Migration

The primary objective of this course is to provide graduate students with the framework and fundamentals of forced migration, the legal tools, and the knowledge of its practical dimensions. The course introduces students to the major theoretical perspectives and historical trajectories of forced migration, focusing special attention on contemporary mediating issues, debates, policy directions, and the rise of forced migration as part of global politics, as well as an area of intense academic and intellectual interest. The course will draw on international and comparative case study approaches to situate the phenomenon of forced migration in both theoretical and empirical analysis.

MIST 708 Gendered Dynamics of Migration

This course is designed to assist students in sharpening their knowledge about gender issues in the migratory process at various levels. The course explores the following topics: men without women, and women without men in new migrant destinations; migration and the changing roles of men and women in the household; issues of sexuality and notions of risk; the trafficking of women and sex work; impacts of restrictive policies on gender relations; and globalization, gender and migration. The course will also bring into focus Ghana's experience of international and internal migration and their gendered implications.

MIST 709 Advanced Labour Migration Studies

The course provides students with an understanding of the determinants, processes and impacts of international labour migration on receiving countries, migrants and their countries of origin, the relationship between migrants, markets and the state including discussions of political economy, ethics and rights and on government policy responses to regular and irregular migration.

MIST 710 Environmental Change and Migration

This course examines migration in the context of global environmental change. Students will be exposed to the debates on the existence of climate change at the global level. The complex relationships between changes in various climatic variables and events (i.e. rainfall, temperature, flooding) and migration trends will be examined. Using relevant case studies from Ghana and other parts of the world, the nexus between various forms of environmental degradation and migration will also be assessed. The course will also provide a review of migration in national climate change adaptation programmes of action.

3. Requirements for graduation:

4 Core Courses
3-4 Elective Courses

Courses 18-24 credits
Thesis 45 credit