

**Course Title: Migration and Mobility**

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**Programme:** B.A. (Hons.) Sociology

**Credits:** 4

**Prerequisites:** none

**Course Description**

This course will introduce you to key sociological, anthropological and geographical concepts of migration and mobility. It will help you understand how and why migration is a key social and political issue in the contemporary world. Following a scalar framework, this course will engage with migration at the local, regional, national and international levels. As we live in an increasingly 'mobile' world, more and more people are on the move. Yet the promise of a mobile world is not as emancipatory as one would imagine. This course will introduce students to key concepts and debates that explain migration in its social context. Two main areas will be highlighted: First, the course will help students develop a theoretical understanding of how the social order influences a range of migratory flows from highly skilled transnational professionals to domestic workers and trafficked persons. Second, the course will focus on social and political issues that surround migration, particularly debates around home, identity, multiculturalism, citizenship, feminization of migration, and indeed how such migration perpetuate inequality. Discussions on these topics will be enlivened and enriched through a range of case-studies, films, cultural and literary texts to develop an interdisciplinary understanding of migration and mobility.

**Themes and topics**

- Migration in an unequal world
- Theories of migration (development and migration; postcolonialism and migration)
- National and International/Transnational migration; Rural-Urban migration.
- Home and Belonging
- Migration and Identity
- Gender and migration
- Cosmopolitanism and citizenship
- Migration and the city
- Migration and work
- Representations of migration
- Forced migration contexts; refugee migration