

Mexican Migration Field Research Program 2019-20

What will you get out of this program?

The MMFRP is a unique, year-long program for undergraduate and graduate students who want an in-depth, community-based research practicum focused on international migration. Students involved in MMFRP work directly with migrant families and often describe their participation as a life-changing experience. Participants use the MMFRP to satisfy international field experience requirements, obtain data for thesis projects, and even publish their work.

This year, students will conduct interviews with deportees and Central American migrants in migrant shelters in Tijuana. Additional opportunities will also exist for examining how migration influence the educational trajectories of youth. The interviews will shed light on how US policies affect migrant families and shape their prospects for the future.



All students also gain:

- Course credit for a community-based field research practicum
- Experience working with a multidisciplinary research team in Mexico
- Preparation for careers in health, NGOs, government, law, and academia

Required coursework includes:

1. **Fall 2019:** Sociology 125 – Sociology of Immigration (4 units)
2. **Winter 2020:** Sociology/Urban Studies and Planning 188 – Mexican Migration Field Research Practicum (8 units, including travel and fieldwork)
3. **Spring 2020:** Sociology 109M – Research Reporting (4 units)

The fall course provides background on immigration. The winter course entails a full week and five follow-up days of fieldwork in Tijuana, focused on migration. Finally, the spring course trains students to analyze their interviews and prepare public reports. All three quarters are mandatory, and Spanish proficiency is required.

The deadline to apply is September 1, 2019, and applicants will be notified of their acceptance by September 26. To apply, fill out this google form: <https://forms.gle/fQNJZrzarQWAMtqj9> (including a 250-word personal statement) and enroll in Sociology 125 for Fall 2019. For additional information, please email alandrews@ucsd.edu.