

SOC 321: FINAL ESSAY

HABILIDADES (SKILLS)

- Writing with original research
- Merging qualitative fieldwork with preexisting research on migration
- Public sociology

TAREA (ASSIGNMENT)

Earlier in the semester you conducted an interview with a migrant. For your final essay, I would like you to draw from that same interview by placing it in context alongside preexisting research. The goal for this assignment is to use existing research and your interview to write a short essay (1,500-2,000 words) about an issue related to immigration. In your final essay, you will want to focus on a particular theme. Here are a few themes to help generate ideas:

- Social networks and migration
- Remittance and wellbeing at home
- Discrimination and racism
- Community development
- Gender and migration
- Music and migration
- Cultural norms across borders (transnational culture)
- Memories of homelands
- Etc.

The basic idea is to write an empirically-grounded article that draws on primary research (i.e., your interview), and addresses a particular theme. You'll want to make a clear argument toward the beginning of your article and then, in the space that remains, draw on your interview and preexisting research to demonstrate the validity of your argument. Here's a link to an article I wrote in 2018 for the Global Americans that models this type of writing:

- [Migrants are the solution, not the problem](#)

EVALUACIÓN) ASSESSMENT

- Makes a clear argument: 25%
- Draws on at least 5 empirical, peer-reviewed sources: 25%
- Maintains a common thread throughout: 25%
- Clarity of writing: 25%