PSCI 4700: Politics of Immigration
Final Exam

Instructions:
Answer one essay question from each section below. Your grade will depend on the following components: 1) a thesis statement in the opening paragraph with a concise answer to the question; 2) developing your argument with a clear theory and references to empirical examples; 3) demonstrating command of the reading materials and lectures, including references to specific authors.

Each answer should be typed, approximately 3-5 pages, double-spaced, 12pt font, and 1 inch margins on all sides. Do not use a coversheet. On the upper right corner of the first page write your name, the instructor’s name, PSCI 4700: Politics of Immigration, and the date. Staple all pages together.

Essays are due by May 11, 5pm. Bring your exam to my office in Wooten Hall 147, or if I am not there, put the essay in my box in Wooten 125 (marked SALEHYAN). Assignments turned in late will not be accepted and will result in failure on the entire assignment. You must bring in a hardcopy.

You may use your books and notes to write your essays, although you must give appropriate citations for all sources used. You may also consult with your classmates. However, all work must be your own. Cheating or plagiarism will result in failure on the entire assignment.

Citation example: “Citizenship policies in Europe have changed significantly over the past several years (Howard 2009).”

For readings listed on the syllabus, a full bibliographic entry is not required.

Part A (50 points): Answer one question.

1. Compare and contrast at least three countries. Which groups are in favor of liberal immigration policies? Which groups are in favor of immigration restrictions? Discuss how this balance of liberal and restrictionist pressures has changed over time to shape policies in these countries. What were the critical turning points in immigration policy in each country?

2. The Obama administration has asked you to craft an immigration policy for the United States, using U.S. history and other countries’ experiences as a guide. What policies would you recommend to the President for regulating the entry of new immigrants? What policies in the past have worked and what policies have not worked? Are there lessons from other countries that can be applied to the U.S.?

Part B (50 points): Answer one question.

1. Discuss debates regarding citizenship and the integration of immigrants in the US and Europe. What are the most important challenges regarding the social, economic and political incorporation of new immigrants? What are the key similarities in American and European experiences and what are the differences? Are there policies or practices that you would argue are more or less conducive to immigrant incorporation?

2. Discuss dual citizenship from the perspective of immigrants, the host country, and the sending country. Should immigrants and their descendents be allowed to retain citizenship in more than one state? What are the arguments in favor of, and against, dual citizenship from the perspective of immigrants, the host, and the sending state?