



# Refugee And Forced Migration Studies

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# COVID-19 and Student Life

COVID-19 has impacted universities across the U.S. in a variety of ways. How have students at DePaul been impacted directly?

-Faculty Council has recommended and Provost Ghanem has approved a resolution allowing students the option to adopt a Pass/D/Fail (P/D/F) grading basis in Spring and Summer 2020 courses. By the last day of classes in Spring Quarter and in each Summer session, students will be able to declare their decision to move from the traditional A to F grading basis to the P/D/F basis.

-The CARES Act includes a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. The fund provides \$7.1 million to help DePaul students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. According to the Department of Education, students who have completed a FAFSA, are Title IV aid eligible and were enrolled in what were intended to be face-to-face classes when DePaul closed its campus on March 13, 2020, are eligible to apply. Eligible students will receive a grant of \$500. Applications will be considered until June 15.

Visit [go.depaul.edu/covid](https://go.depaul.edu/covid) for additional information, updates, and guidance.

# Calls and Announcements

## ***Internship Experience:***

The RFMS program invites any students who have completed an internship to publish your experiences in our Fall 2020 newsletter.

## ***RFMS Program Assistant:***

The RFMS program is looking for a Program Assistant for the 2020-2021 academic year. The start date for the paid position is Monday, June 15th.

Responsibilities include:

- Serve as the liaison between both cohorts and the Director
- Assist the Director with outreach to community partners, potential students, and internal faculty
- Publish quarterly newsletter
- Update social media platforms
- Organize student events

To be considered for these opportunities, please reach out to the Director, Dr. Shailja Sharma, at [ssharma@depaul.edu](mailto:ssharma@depaul.edu), or the Program Assistant, Raymond Preston, at [rpreston@depaul.edu](mailto:rpreston@depaul.edu).

# Fall 2020

# Courses

As DePaul has moved to remote learning, the courses below will be conducted online. These courses are subject to change.

## ***Core Courses:***

FMS 402 - PRO-SEMINAR IN FORCED MIGRATION

FMS 403 - INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND POLICY

FMS 415 - INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

## ***Open Electives (non-exhaustive):***

CES 401 - CRITICAL ETHNIC STUDIES

CES 402 - MOBILITY AND THE STATE

MPS 546 - ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING

MPS 508 - INTRODUCTION TO NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT

INT 401 - CRITICAL SOCIAL THEORY

INT 402 - INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

# Grants and Scholarships

## ***Graduate Research Fund:***

The college supports the research, scholarship, and creative work of graduate students through its Graduate Research Funding (GRF) program. The GRF helps defray the cost of conducting research and creative work and for presenting papers at academic conferences through a competitive process. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.

For more information, visit <https://las.depaul.edu/student-resources/graduate-research/Pages/default.aspx>.

## ***Community and Project Based Learning Scholarship:***

LAS students who have successfully secured, or in the process of securing, an internship with a non-profit, non-governmental organization, or government entity are encouraged to apply for our Community- and Project-Based Learning Scholarships (CPBL Scholarships). The Round 2 Summer 2020 Deadline is May 25, 2020.

For more information, visit <https://las.depaul.edu/student-resources/internships/Pages/cpbl-internship-scholarships.aspx>.

# 2020

# Commencement

On Saturday, June 13, 2020, DePaul will launch celebratory online commencement ceremonies for graduates, families and friends to view and share. These ceremonies will be available on the commencement website for the next year.

The ceremonies have been planned to give the DePaul community an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the Class of 2020 in a safe manner. This will be a unique commencement experience created for unprecedented times. Once it is safe to bring people together again, DePaul will consider how to honor graduating classes with in-person celebrations.

See the full update, including information on regalia, degree conferrals, and diplomas at: [resources.depaul.edu/commencement/commencement-2020-updates/Pages/default.aspx](https://resources.depaul.edu/commencement/commencement-2020-updates/Pages/default.aspx)

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