

# Graduate Programs in Migration & Refugee Studies

The Arab region is experiencing one of the largest refugee and migration movements in human history, with serious humanitarian and development implications. To help address these challenges, the Center for Migration and Refugee Studies (CMRS) at the American University in Cairo plays an important role in developing capacities of practitioners engaging with such issues. Over the past decade, CMRS has emerged as a leading center for high caliber graduate educational programs, on-the-ground projects, and research initiatives on migration and refugee issues globally as well as in the Arab and African regions in particular.



*Syrian refugee camp on Turkish border, Henry Ridgwell, Public Domain via Wikimedia Commons.*

In this context, we draw your attention to our upcoming graduate degree and diploma programs. Past students include practitioners from the United Nations and other international organizations (UNHCR, IOM, UNFPA, UNISDR, etc) and civil society organizations (International Rescue Committee, AMERA, Save the Children, etc). Our comparative advantages draw on:



Our location in Africa and at the heart of the Arab world, allowing students to encounter first-hand the issues we study, **directly learning from those most affected – the migrants and refugees themselves**. Research, fieldwork, practicum, and internship opportunities allow for a fuller appreciation of the complexities, challenges, and opportunities involved in working in this field, and practical development of the unique skills required.



Student Action for Refugees (STAR) photo credit Jasmin

Our analytical approaches, shaped by our location in a country that hosts large migrant and refugee populations; is an important transit country; and additionally a country-of-origin for many migrants and refugees. Thus, we are uniquely positioned in Egypt to provide **multifaceted, nuanced, and thorough understandings** of the various political, economic, legal, social, and cultural issues involved.

We have a distinctive approach to population movement, **teaching migration and refugee issues side-by-side**. The distinction between migrants and refugees is rarely questioned and CMRS provides a unique opportunity for students to appreciate the consequences of this division. While students may choose to specialize in either migration or refugee studies, all students are exposed to crucial cross-cutting themes.

Further information can be found at <http://schools.aucegypt.edu/GAPP/cmrs/Documents/CMRS%20FinalBrochure14-15.pdf>. We would appreciate if this information could be circulated to interested parties and networks. For discussion on any of the Center's educational, research, and outreach activities, please do not hesitate to contact us: <http://www.aucegypt.edu/GAPP/cmrs/Pages/default.aspx>.



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