Question of immigration has been crucial element of French politics since the 1980s. Examination of history of immigration in France following official end of colonialism in 1960. This framework helps provide better understanding of contemporary French society, civil unrest of 2005, and key issues leading up to the 2007 national election. Central elements include colonialism, decolonization, national identity and memory, Islam, immigrant cultures, racism, the banlieues, RAP and Hip Hop culture, extreme right-wing politics, the Republic, multiculturalism, and national politics. Readings and class discussion in English.