ABSTRACT:

This Bachelor's thesis deals with the influence of the presidential administration on the immigration politics in France. Firstly, it gives an overview of the historical context relevant to the topic of immigration and defines the demographic structure of the immigration flows throughout history. Secondly, it delimits the political and legislative system, based on which the immigration policies are made in France.

In the remaining part, immigration politics of four presidents of the Fifth Republic are chosen for a further analysis. Chapters 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 are dedicated to the administrations of Charles de Gaulle, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, François Mitterrand and Nicolas Sarkozy respectively. Their influence on the development of the immigration to France is appraised in the final portion of this thesis.