

INTRODUCTION TO U.S. IMMIGRATION LAW

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COURSE TOPICS & DATES

Modules	Topics
Module 1 February 11-16	Introduction to the course <i>Live session: Monday, February 11, 7:00PM EST</i>
Module 2 February 16-21	Basic immigration terminology and federal agencies in the U.S.; introduction to the visa system, exclusion, and deportation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) and sub-agencies; other key agencies• “Immigrants” and “Nonimmigrants”• Moving between categories• Visa system; exclusion versus deportation
Module 3 February 21-26	Employment- and investment- based immigration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permanent visas and the labor certification process• Permanent visas for investors• Temporary visas: A, D, G, H-1, H-2, J, L, O, P, Q• Applying for a visa
Module 4 February 26- March 3	Family-based immigration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Categories of Immediate Relatives• Other permanent visas• Petitioners, beneficiaries, and derivatives• Visa applications: consular processing and adjustment of status <i>Live session: Tuesday, February 26, 7:00PM EST</i>
Module 5 March 3-8	Other temporary visas for entering the U.S. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visas F, M (students)• Visa B (visitors); Visa J (exchange)
Module 6 March 8-13	Legal bases for exclusion and deportation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inadmissibility and Deportability• Inadmissibility Grounds• Deportability Grounds• Crimes: convictions, moral turpitude, aggravated felonies

Module 7 March 13-18	Immigration enforcement: from arrest to the judicial process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest and detention: DHS and local police • Detention and searches at borders and ports of entry • Bond and custody determinations • Notice to Appear
Module 8 March 18-23	Removal relief: Cancellation of Removal and others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jurisdiction – USCIS and Immigration Court • Cancellation of Removal for LPRs and non-LPRs • Adjustment of status • Voluntary Departure <p>Live session: Monday, March 18, 7:00PM EST</p>
Module 9 March 23-28	Enforcement Priorities, Prosecutorial Discretion, DACA, Ongoing Litigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common forms of prosecutorial discretion • DACA and DAPA • Ongoing litigation relating to recent Executive Orders
Module 10 March 28-April 2	Asylum, Withholding of Removal, and relief under the Convention Against Torture (CAT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overseas refugee program • Asylum • Withholding of Removal • Relief under the UN CAT
Module 11 April 2-7	Other forms of humanitarian relief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T Visa (human trafficking victims) • U Visa (certain crime victims) • Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
Module 12 April 7-12	Naturalization and citizenship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jus soli</i> citizenship • <i>Jus sanguinis</i> citizenship • Naturalization requirements <p>Live session: Sunday, April 7, 7:00PM EST</p>
<p align="center">Final Deadline for All Course Assignments: Friday, April 19, 2019</p>	