

INTRODUCTION TO U.S. IMMIGRATION LAW

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COURSE TOPICS & DATES

Modules	Topics
Module 1 July 8-13	Introduction to the course <i>Live session: Monday, July 8, 7:00PM EST</i>
Module 2 July 13-18	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 July 18-23	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 July 23-28	Family-based immigration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Category of Immediate Relatives• Other permanent visas based on family relationships• Petitioners, beneficiaries, and derivatives• Visa applications: consular processing and adjustment of status <i>Live session: Tuesday, July 23, 7:00PM EST</i>
Module 5 July 28-August 2	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 August 2-7	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

<p>Module 7</p> <p>August 7-12</p>	<p>Immigration enforcement: from arrest to the judicial process</p> <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
<p>Module 8</p> <p>August 12-17</p>	<p>Removal relief: Cancellation of Removal and others</p> <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><i>Live session: Monday, August 12, 7:00PM EST</i></p>
<p>Module 9</p> <p>August 17-22</p>	<p>Enforcement Priorities, Prosecutorial Discretion, DACA, Ongoing Litigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common forms of prosecutorial discretion • DACA • Ongoing litigation relating to Executive Orders
<p>Module 10</p> <p>August 22-27</p>	<p>Asylum, Withholding of Removal, and relief under the Convention Against Torture (CAT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overseas refugee program • Asylum • Withholding of Removal • Relief under the UN CAT
<p>Module 11</p> <p>August 27 – September 1</p>	<p>Other forms of humanitarian relief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T Visa (human trafficking victims) • U Visa (certain crime victims) • Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
<p>Module 12</p> <p>September 1-6</p>	<p>Naturalization and citizenship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jus soli</i> citizenship • <i>Jus sanguinis</i> citizenship • Naturalization requirements <p><i>Live session: Tuesday, September 3, 7:00PM EST</i></p>
<p align="center">Final Deadline for All Course Assignments: Friday, September 13, 2019</p>	