

LEX 282 Immigration Law

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: LEX-110, LEX-120, and LEX-140

Corequisites: None

This course covers both theoretical and practical application of immigration law to everyday scenarios and the paralegal's role in the process. Topics include administrative agency formation, the role of INS and the implication of the decisions on the immigration process. Upon completion, students should be able to discuss administrative agencies, the relationship of the INS to the governmental structure and immigration case law. Course Hours Per Week: Class-2; Lab-0; Clinical-0; Credit-2

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completing requirements for this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify the role of the paralegal within an immigration law client case, as well as the practice of immigration law
2. Identify administrative agencies and their respective roles within the immigration system
3. Demonstrate and understanding of the relationship of the INS to the governmental structure
4. Recognize the implication of the decisions implemented by various administrative agencies, and governmental systems on the immigration process
5. Explain the impact and relevancy of applicable immigration case law, as it relates to an immigration law client case, as well as the practice of immigration law

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

- I. Historical Background of the U.S. Immigration System
- II. Administrative Agencies and Governmental Structure
 - A. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
 - B. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
 - C. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
 - D. Role of various governmental entities
 - E. Sources of law
 - F. Forms
- III. Nonimmigrant Visas
 - A. Brief stays, studies, and cultural exchange
 - B. Intracompany transferees, trade and investment, and professional employment
 - C. Extraordinary ability, religious workers and ancillary activities
- IV. Asylum and Humanitarian Relief
 - A. Overview and procedure
 - B. Qualifying criteria and types
 - C. Comparison of refugee v. asylum status
- V. Family Sponsored and Permanent Resident Status
 - A. Qualifying criteria
 - B. Petition/Application
 - C. Procedure
- VI. Employment-Based and Self-Sponsored Visa

- A. Qualifying criteria
- B. Petition/Application
- C. Procedure

VII. Vulnerable Populations

- A. Qualifying criteria
- B. Petition/Application
- C. Procedure

VIII. Inadmissibility and Deportation

IX. Immigration Court Practice

- A. Removal process
- B. Court hearings
- C. Detention
- D. Motions practice
- E. Appeals and Federal Court practice
- F. Applicable case law

X. Citizenship and Naturalization

- A. Birth and Naturalization
- B. Derivative citizenship
- C. Citizenship by acquisition
- D. Loss of citizenship

XI. Managing an Immigration Practice

- A. Practice type
- B. Case assessment
- C. Intake and consultation
- D. Gathering evidence
- E. Case management
- F. Filing systems
- G. Ethical issues and rules of conduct

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIAL:

The textbook and other instructional material will be determined by the instructor.