COURSE NAME:  Immigration Law and Process

COURSE NUMBER:  8738

PROFESSOR:  James W. Austin

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES:  None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES:  None


METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:

Class grade is assessed based on the following percentages:

10%  In-class problems, participation and short weekly assignments.
30%  Mid-term exam.
60%  Final Exam.

The mid-term and final exams will consist of a mixture of multiple choice and short answer questions and will cover information from the lectures and reading assignments.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:  A detailed overview of past and current U.S. immigration laws, and the role of truth and bias in the public immigration debate. Topics covered include protection statuses, family immigration, employment immigration, temporary visa categories and the various employer compliance systems and requirements. Students will also learn to determine factual information on the U.S. immigration system through research into the sources of information, assessing source bias and by ‘fact-checking’ media claims. By possessing a good, fact-based knowledge of the current immigration system, students are able to disregard inaccurate claims and develop their own beliefs on the country’s future immigration needs.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:  Taught by a practicing immigration
attorney, this course will promote awareness and solutions for the immigration law issues that commonly arise in many areas of legal practice, while preparing students to objectively evaluate conflicting public information.

**RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MO/MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION:** None