COURSE NAME: Immigration Law and Procedure

COURSE NUMBER: 738

PROFESSOR: Austin

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: None


METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:

The course grade will be based on a final exam (80%), research paper or mock hearing (10%) and class participation (10%). Class participation will include the completion of occasional homework problems.

Students will have a choice of participating in a mock removal hearing or completing a research paper of less than five pages. A list of possible topics will be provided by the 4th week of class. Most topics will be interrelated with other areas of law.

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

Any written materials, including the course text and class notes, may be brought to the exam. Parts of the exam will cover material not contained in the text, so class attendance is important.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: Procedural review of U.S. Immigration & Nationality laws; explore the regulatory criteria for the admission, removal, and maintenance of legal status of non-citizens.

COURSE CONTENT: Practical analysis of immigration provisions within the Departments of Homeland Security, Justice, State, and Labor. Refugees, asylum and other protective statutes; family and employment-based immigrant visas and quotas; non-immigrant visas; students; employment authorization and employer sanctions; removal; naturalization and citizenship.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: Attorneys in all fields frequently encounter non-citizens, especially in family, criminal, estate and corporate law practices. This course provides the background necessary to recognize the legal requirements unique to non-citizens.