



Basics of Immigration Law

Course Description

This course is a survey of immigration law. The course will discuss the meaning and ramification of different categories of immigration status including: illegal entrants, legal non-immigrant entrants, lawful permanent residents, and naturalized citizens.

Course Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Explain the structure of US immigration law;
- Discuss the roles of the different branches of government and why immigration law is almost exclusively in the federal sphere;
- Identify and describe federal statutes and regulations that govern key issues in immigration law;
- Describe how U.S. immigration law impacts immigrants who seek to enter the country on a temporary basis;
- Explain how foreign nationals who seek to come to the United States on a legal immigrant basis can do so under the provisions of US immigration laws;
- Describe how lawful permanent residents can become US citizens through the process of naturalization.

Final Exam

Grades and credit recommendations are based solely on a final exam. When students are ready to take the final exam, they should register for a LawShelf account (or simply log in, for those with existing accounts). Go to the video-course page and click "Take the Final Exam" and pay the exam fee, where applicable. Students will be given instructions on how to take the exam. All exams are proctored by the Voice Proctor® proctoring system. An overview of the system is [provided here](#) and it requires no training or learning curve. Grades of 70% or above are considered passing grades and qualify for recommended transfer credit.

The final exam is based on the video course modules. Additional resources detailed in this syllabus are helpful for background and for building greater understanding of the

course materials. Inquiries can be made through the LawShelf Contact form on our website by clicking the “email us” button that appears at the bottom of most LawShelf pages. Transcripts can be ordered via Parchment, as detailed on our website.

Case Studies

Many LawShelf video courses include case studies. These do not necessarily teach new material but are meant to demonstrate how the materials covered in the course are applied by various courts. Concepts covered in the case studies are covered on the final exam, so make sure to watch the case studies before taking the exam. However, it is unnecessary to memorize the facts and details of the cases covered in these case studies.

Self-Quizzes

Video-course modules and case studies feature self-quizzes that consist of practice questions on the materials covered in the videos. These questions are presented for the benefit of the student and are **important to review before taking the final exam** because they are similar in style and substance to the questions on the final exam. These quizzes are not graded or monitored and there is no record of how students answer these questions. Students may answer these questions as many times as they like and are encouraged to keep re-taking the quizzes until they have mastered all the questions.

Study Guide

Introductory Videos

These videos provide background to help students better understand the main parts of the course, which are the video-course modules below.

Visas for Foreign Workers Entering or Immigrating to the United States

<https://lawshelf.com/shortvideoscontentview/visas-for-foreign-workers-entering-or-immigrating-to-the-united-states/>

Becoming a United States Citizen: The Naturalization Process

<https://lawshelf.com/shortvideoscontentview/becoming-a-united-states-citizen-the-naturalization-process/>

Visas for Foreign Workers Entering or Immigrating to the United States

<https://lawshelf.com/shortvideoscontentview/visas-for-foreign-workers-entering-or-immigrating-to-the-united-states/>

Immigration Removal Process and Deportation Hearings

<https://lawshelf.com/shortvideoscontentview/immigration-removal-process-and-deportation-hearings/>

Courseware Readings

These courseware readings provide background to help students better understand the main parts of the course, which are the video-course modules below.

Read the following articles:

Historical Overview of Immigration Law

https://nationalparalegal.edu/public_documents/courseware_asp_files/DomRelImmig/IntroToImmig/HistoricalOverview.asp

Agencies Involved in Administering Immigration Law

https://nationalparalegal.edu/public_documents/courseware_asp_files/DomRelImmig/IntroToImmig/Agencies.asp

Immigration and Nationality Act (“INA”)

https://nationalparalegal.edu/public_documents/courseware_asp_files/DomRelImmig/IntroToImmig/INA.asp

Visa Waiver Program

https://nationalparalegal.edu/public_documents/courseware_asp_files/DomRelImmig/EntryToUS/VisaWaiver.asp

Visa Categories

https://nationalparalegal.edu/public_documents/courseware_asp_files/DomRelImmig/EntryToUS/VisaCategories.asp

Admissions Issues

https://nationalparalegal.edu/public_documents/courseware_asp_files/DomRelImmig/EntryToUS/Admissions.asp

Removal Procedures

https://nationalparalegal.edu/public_documents/courseware_asp_files/DomRelImmig/EntryToUS/Removal.asp

Citizenship

https://nationalparalegal.edu/public_documents/courseware_asp_files/DomRelImmig/StayingInUS/Citizenship.asp

Change in Immigration Status

https://nationalparalegal.edu/public_documents/courseware_asp_files/DomRelImmig/StayingInUS/ChangeInImmigStatus.asp

Lawful Permanent Residence (“LPR”)

https://nationalparalegal.edu/public_documents/courseware_asp_files/DomRelImmig/StayingInUS/LPR.asp

Labor Certification

https://nationalparalegal.edu/public_documents/courseware.asp_files/DomRelImmig/StayInUS/LaborCert.asp

Naturalization

https://nationalparalegal.edu/public_documents/courseware.asp_files/DomRelImmig/StayInUS/Naturalization.asp

Video Course Modules

These videos constitute the main part of the course and are the sources of the questions on the final exam.

Basics of Immigration Law Course Overview Video

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursescontentview/immigration-law>

Introduction To Immigration Law - Module 1 of 5

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/introduction-to-immigration-law-module-1-of-5>

Nonimmigrant Entry into the United States - Module 2 of 5

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/nonimmigrant-entry-into-the-united-states-module-2-of-5>

Immigrant Visas and Lawful Permanent Residents - Module 3 of 5

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/immigrant-visas-and-lawful-permanent-residents-module-3-of-5>

United States Citizenship Through Naturalization - Module 4 of 5

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/united-states-citizenship-through-naturalization-module-4-of-5>

Immigration and International Law - Module 5 of 5

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/immigration-and-international-law-module-5-of-5>

Case Study: United States v. Drame

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/case-study-united-states-v-drame>

Case Study: United States v. Razic

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/case-study-united-states-v-razic>

Supplemental Suggested Reading

These materials enable students to achieve a deeper understanding of the course materials and in applying the course to real-life situations.

USCIS Policy Manual:

<https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual>