

IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY LAW

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SYLLABUS

Legomsky, Immigration and Refugee Law and Policy (5th ed. 2009) [earlier editions will not suffice] is the casebook which we will be using this semester. In addition, you should obtain a copy of Aleinikoff, Martin, Motomura and Fullerton, Immigration and Nationality Laws of the United States (2011), which contains selected statutes, regulations and forms. Assignments will be given to pages in the casebook; however, there are several important components which are implicit in these assignments:

1. The "Notes and Questions" and "Problems" which follow excerpts from various cases, articles and other materials are very important. In preparing for class, you should outline, or prepare some brief written response, on paper, to all of the Questions and Problems that are contained in the day's reading. We will take up in class many of those Questions and Problems, using them as the starting points for a good chunk of class discussion, which will be much more fruitful if you have thought about these Questions and Problems and mapped out a tentative response before class.

2. In Chapter 3, we will begin to focus on statutory law, particularly provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act. When the author of the casebook tells you to read a provision in the INA, do so.

3. We will not be covering 100 percent of the book. When an assignment skips pages, you may safely omit that material.

4. "Simulation Exercises" are a useful pedagogical technique and we will encounter a number of them during the semester. More information about how we will handle each of them will be given a few days before we address them in class. [See, e.g., p. 245.]

5. About half way through the semester, we will spend two class periods conducting a simulated removal hearing. [See p. 790.] More details will be given later, but start thinking about whether you would like to play a rôle in this simulation.

Class meets from 11:00 - 11:50 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays in Room 359.

Your grade will be determined primarily by the Final Examination. More information about the Final Examination will be given later, but I can tell you now that you will be permitted to use your copy of the Statutory Supplement during the exam. **YOU MAY NOT ADD ANY ADDITIONAL PAGES TO THE BOOK.** Finally, your attendance and classroom participation may affect your grade. In this regard, students are expected to attend class and to be prepared to participate in class discussions. In the event I have a concern regarding a student's attendance or participation, I will contact that student so that we can discuss the problem and appropriate sanctions.

My office is in Room 372, and my office hours this semester are from noon - 1 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays; however, I have an "open door" policy under which you are free to drop by my office at any time and if I happen to be busy, we can schedule a mutually convenient time to meet. My office telephone number is 352-273-0778. My e-mail address is HUDSON@LAW.UFL.EDU.