



# BROWARD COLLEGE COURSE OUTLINE

**LAST REVIEW: 2009-2010**  
*(i.e. 2003-2004)*

**NEXT REVIEW: 2014-2015**  
*(i.e. 2008-2009)*

**STATUS: A**  
*(A, I, D)*

**COURSE TITLE: Immigration Law**

**COMMON COURSE NUMBER: PLA 1841**

**CREDIT HOURS: 3**

**CONTACT HOUR BREAKDOWN**  
*(per 16 week term)*

**CLOCK HOURS:**  
*(Voc. Course ONLY)*

Lecture: **48**      Lab:  
Clinic:              Other:

**PREREQUISITE(S):**

**COREQUISITE(S): ENC 1101 or Program Manager's approval**

**PRE/COREQUISITE(S):**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION** *(750 characters, maximum):*

This course provides an in depth study of immigration law. Topics covered include a historical overview of immigration law, types of immigration law practices, agencies involved with immigration laws, the drafting of all documents and forms associated with immigration law, the Immigration and Nationality Act and the administrative system covering the practice of immigration law.

## UNIT TITLES

1. Introduction and Terminology
2. Visa Classifications
3. History of Immigration
4. Obtaining and Understanding Visas
5. Obtaining Nonimmigrant Alien Status
6. Consequences of Unlawful Presence and/or Violation of Immigration Status
7. Obtaining Permanent Resident Status: Family-Based and Employment-Based
8. Refugee and Asylum Law
9. Understanding Removal Proceedings
10. Ethics and Immigration Practice
11. Citizenship and Naturalization

## EVALUATION:

Please provide a brief description *(250 characters maximum)* that details how students will be evaluated on the course outcomes.

Student evaluation may include, but is not limited to exams, quizzes, presentations, portfolios, discussions, class participation, attendance, projects, co-ops, practicum, internships, externships, and research projects.

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## UNITS

**Unit 1**

**General Outcome:**

- 1.0 The student shall be able to define basic terms pertaining to immigration.**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

- 1.1 Define key terms that are essential to a basic understanding of the following:**

**1.1.1 The Immigration and Nationality Act**

**1.1.2 The Code of Federal Regulations**

**1.1.3 Immigration Classifications**

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**Unit 2**

**General Outcome:**

- 2.0 The student shall be able to identify the various classifications of immigration status and assist with the application process.**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

- 2.1 Explain the procedure for visitors and visa waivers.**
- 2.2 Explain and describe the various types of visas.**
- 2.3 Describe and list the procedures for obtaining immigrant and nonimmigrant visas.**
- 2.4 Describe and explain what a specialty worker is (H-1B).**

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**Unit 3**

**General Outcome:**

- 3.0 The student shall be able to discuss the immigration agencies within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

- 3.1 Define and discuss the purposes of the agencies within DHS.**
- 3.2 Define and describe the substantive requirements under the Immigration and Nationality Act and the processing procedures.**

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**Unit 4**

**General Outcome:**

- 4.0 The student shall be able to describe what the history, purpose, and requirements are of various visas.**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

- 4.1 Describe the circumstances under which a person may apply for and obtain various immigrant and nonimmigrant visas.**
- 4.2 List the substantive requirements that must be included in a visa application.**
- 4.3 List and describe the basic steps involved in obtaining a visa.**
- 4.4 Prepare the documents to obtain various visas.**

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**Unit 5**

**General Outcome:**

- 5.0 The student shall be able to describe the basic steps involved in the filing of an application to obtain nonimmigrant status in the United States.**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

- 5.1 List and describe the basic steps involved in the filing and processing of an application to obtain nonimmigrant status.**
- 5.2 Prepare the documents listed in 5.1 above based upon a set of hypothetical facts.**
- 5.3 Explain how one would apply to change their immigration status.**
- 5.4 Describe the procedure to be followed for change of status.**

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**Unit 6**

**General Outcome:**

- 6.0 The student shall be able to explain what the consequences are if an unlawful presence is discovered or if someone violates their immigration status.**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

- 6.1 Discuss consequences of a violation of visa or immigration status.**
- 6.2 Discuss some violations that may occur.**

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**Unit 7**

**General Outcome:**

- 7.0 The student shall be able to describe the circumstances in which a family member or employer could petition and qualify to have the alien become a lawful permanent resident.**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

- 7.1 Explain the circumstances in which a person could obtain permanent residency for a family member not a citizen or resident.**
- 7.2 Explain the circumstances in which an employer could obtain permanent residency for a prospective employee.**
- 7.3 Relate the procedure to be followed for a residency petition.**
- 7.4 Explain how to process and draft the documents needed to obtain a visa/residency status.**
- 7.5 Explain how to prepare and file the appropriate papers to obtain legal status.**
- 7.6 Prepare the documents listed to send to the U.S. Consulate.**

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**Unit 8**

**General Outcome:**

- 8.0 The student shall be able to describe the circumstances in which asylum is given to a foreign immigrant.**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

- 8.1 Explain the circumstances in which asylum and withholding of removal is given.**
- 8.2 Relate the procedure to be followed in filing the appropriate papers for asylum.**

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**Unit 9**

**General Outcome:**

- 9.0 The student shall be able to describe the circumstances in which the government can initiate removal proceedings.**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

- 9.1 Explain the circumstances in which the government can initiate removal proceedings.**
- 9.2 Relate the procedure to be followed in proceedings as well as the relief available.**

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**Unit 10**

**General Outcome:**

- 10.0** The student shall be able to discuss the circumstances under which ethical situations can arise in immigration practice.

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:

- 10.1** Identify and avoid various ethical dilemmas within an immigration practice.

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**Unit 11**

**General Outcome:**

- 11.0** The student shall be able to describe the various ways in which a person can become a citizen.

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

- 11.1** Explain the circumstances under which a person can become a citizen at or after birth through their parents.
- 11.2** Describe the procedure through which a person can become naturalized.
- 11.3** Describe the circumstances under which a person can be denaturalized or expatriated.