

IMMIGRATION LAW AND POLICY CERTIFICATE

Description of Certificate

Immigration law has been described as second only to the tax code in terms of complexity. The Immigration Law and Policy Certificate provides students with foundational knowledge, practical skills, and ethical training to face the challenges and nuances in this increasingly important area of the law. The award of the Certificate means that a student has demonstrated proficiency in basic academic work in the field of immigration law and policy; has engaged in interdisciplinary study with areas of law that intersect with immigration law such as administrative law, criminal law, and labor law; has interacted with clients through clinical courses or externships; and has learned from leading practitioners in the field.

Requirements

I. Faculty Advisor

The student should alert the immigration law certificate faculty advisor of their intention to complete the certificate at least by the academic year prior to graduation (e.g., spring of 2L year for 3Ls). Students must meet with the faculty advisor if required by the faculty advisor. Students are responsible for ensuring that they keep track of certificate requirements and obtain any necessary approval(s) in advance.

II. Courses and Credits

Students must complete at least 19 units from the set of classes below. At least 12 units must be for a letter grade. All graded courses must be completed with a B- or above.

**Note that for students graduating in Spring 2021, we will approve a certificate for those who meet the requirements of the former provisional immigration law certificate. We will also approve ungraded units in lieu of graded units if taken under the University's COVID grading option.*

Required Courses (6 units)

Core Courses	Credits	Units Completed	Grade Received
LAW 620 Immigration Law	3		
LAW 696K Refugee Law or LAW 621A Administrative Law (<u>underline one</u> – if both taken, count other in “Electives”)	3		

Required Experiential Work (4 units minimum)

Core Experiential Courses	Credits	Units Completed	Grade Received
LAW 674 Community Immigration Law Placement Clinic (CILPC)	4-6		
LAW 696C Workers' Rights Clinic	4 for first time students; TBD for returning students		
LAW 693 Immigration Law Externship	TBD		

Electives (6 units minimum)

Elective Courses	Credits	Units Completed	Grade Received
LAW 6XX Seminar on Presidential Power	2		
LAW 615 Constitutional Law II	3		
LAW 615B Equal Protection	3		
LAW 620B Crimmigration	3		
LAW 621A Administrative Law (if not taken to fulfill Core Requirements)	3		
LAW 627D Federal Border Crimes	2		
LAW 631H Critical Race Practice	2		
LAW 631V Cross-Cultural Lawyering: Inclusion and the Legal Profession	1		
LAW 642 Federal Courts	3		
LAW 645A Basic Trial Advocacy	3		
LAW 650 Criminal Law	3		
LAW 659 International Human Rights	3		
LAW 683B Mexican Constitutionalism	2		
LAW 683D Human Rights, Constitutional Defense Mechanisms & The Inter-American Human Rights System	2		
LAW 689B Administrative Law Research	1		
LAW 696K Refugee Law (if not taken to fulfill Core Requirements)	3		
LAW 696S Citizenship and Society	2		
MAS 509 Mexican Immigration	3		
Other Relevant Non-Law Elective or Substituted Course (to be approved by faculty advisor). <i>List below:</i>			

III. Substantial Paper (3 units)

The certificate must include a substantial paper or journal note written in the field of the certificate. The paper need not be supervised by the immigration law certificate faculty advisor(s) and can overlap with other fields; however, the paper must include significant engagement with immigration law and/or policy.

Note that units conferred for the substantial paper cannot be counted toward the 6 elective units.

Title of Paper: _____

Supervisor: _____

Satisfied via: Independent SP _____ Student Publication _____ SP Seminar _____

Title of SP Seminar _____

IV. Minimum Law School GPA

A student must have at least a cumulative 2.75 law school GPA at the time their J.D. is awarded.

Cumulative law school GPA (as of date of form signature): _____

V. Enrichment

Students should attend at least 5 enrichment events, including at least 3 talks given as part of the Bacon Immigration Law and Policy speakers series. Sponsored CLEs and other trainings or workshops on immigration law (including those sponsored by student organizations) also qualify. Special events such as court observations may also qualify if approved by faculty advisor. List completed events below.

Name of event	Sponsoring Org(s)/Series	Date
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Notes on events (optional): _____

VI. Changes

The faculty advisors of the certificate may make changes to the requirements as appropriate, such as accepting course substitutions.

Notes on approved changes (optional): _____

VII. Signature

I certify that the above information is correct.

Print name: _____

Term of Graduation: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____