

### **Course Description**

#### **PLA2934 | Legal Seminar: Immigration Law | 1.00 credit**

This course provides intensive practical and theoretical training in a seminar format. The seminar topics cover current and timely legal issues and are addressed by practicing attorneys. The topics are announced at the beginning of the fall and winter semesters. Courses must be met with a grade of “C” or higher.

### **Course Competencies:**

**Competency 1:** Students who complete this course will gain competence by:

1. Analyzing immigration terms
2. Analyzing laws and regulations governing immigration and citizenship
3. Researching immigration laws, regulations, cases, and forms
4. Reviewing and fill-out essential immigration forms
5. Demonstrating how to avoid the unauthorized practice of law and other ethics violations related to Immigration Law

**Competency 2:** The student will Research about Immigration Authorities by:

1. Applying Introduction and Overview of Immigration Law
2. Demonstrating the History of Immigration Law in the United States
3. Discussing Sources of Legal Authority: Immigration and Nationality Act, Regulations, Case Law and Agency Memoranda
4. Demonstrating the Key Immigration Terms
5. Identifying Immigration Law Issues
6. Researching Immigration Laws, Guidelines and Regulations
7. Defining the Paths to Permanent Resident Status
8. Demonstrating the Immigration Forms for Adjustment, Family Petition, Asylum
9. Knowing the petitions for Permanent Resident Status
10. Processing documents for Attaining Citizenship Status
11. Demonstrating Legal Ethics, Including the Unauthorized Practice of Law

### **Learning Outcomes:**

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
- Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society