

Basic Immigration Law Training for DOJ Accreditation

Virtual Training

Spring 2027: February 23-May 6, 2027

- All sessions will be held via Zoom. The link will be distributed the week prior to the start of the course.
- Sessions are held Tuesdays 1-3pm and Thursdays 10am-12pm, with no classes on April 20 and 22.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

This is a virtual course with 4 hours of instruction each week. The training will feature legal experts in various aspects of immigration law. Students are expected to attend the live classes and complete the reading and occasional exercises.

Participants will be required to separately purchase the ILRC's [A Guide for Immigration Advocates](#). A discount code will be provided to students upon registration. With the code the cost is \$415 for book or PDF, or \$455 for both. We strongly recommend that students purchase the text immediately after you receive the code, as students will be required to read Units 1 and 2 before the class begins.

A certificate of completion will be issued to students who complete the course and receive a passing score on the exam (see exam information below).

COURSE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 23 1:00-3:00pm	Unit 1: Overview of Immigration and the Law
Thursday, February 25 10:00am-12:00pm	Unit 2: Roles of Advocate and Client and Interviewing Skills
Tuesday, March 2 1:00-3:00pm	Unit 3A: Grounds of Inadmissibility and Deportability
Thursday, March 4 10:00am-12:00pm	Unit 3B: Criminal Grounds of Inadmissibility and Deportability <i>[Maria Hwang, Committee for Public Counsel]</i>

Tuesday, March 9 1:00-3:00pm	Unit 8 & 9: Legal Research, Writing and Appeals for Immigration Practice <i>[Cristina Dacchille Freeman, MIRA Coalition]</i>
Thursday, March 11 10:00am-12:00pm	Unit 4: Family Visas - Session 1
Tuesday, March 16 1:00-3:00pm	Unit 5: Family Visas – Session 2: Submitting the Petition; Marriage Issues
Thursday, March 18 10:00am-12:00pm	Unit 6: Family Visas – Session 3: Consular Processing; Waivers of Inadmissibility
Tuesday, March 23 1:00-3:00pm	Unit 7: Family Visas – Session 4: Adjustment of Status and Conditional Residency for Spouses
Thursday, March 25 10:00am-12:00pm	Unit 21: Introduction to Employment-Based Immigration <i>[Leslie Ditrani, Pathway for Immigrant Workers]</i>
Tuesday, March 30 1:00-3:00pm	Unit 10: The Removal Process: Arrests, Bonds, and Bond Redetermination Hearings
Thursday, April 1 10:00am-12:00pm	Unit 11 & 12: Introduction to Cancellation of Removal for Nonpermanent Residents and Applying for Cancellation of Removal for Lawful Permanent Residents
Tuesday, April 6 1:00-3:00pm	Unit 13: Authorized Practice of Law and Ethical Duties of Advocates
Thursday, April 8 10:00am-12:00pm	Unit 14: Asylum and Related Relief <i>[Caroline Foley, Central West Justice Center]</i>
Tuesday, April 13 1:00-3:00pm	Unit 14: Asylum and Related Relief (continued) <i>[Caroline Foley, Central West Justice Center]</i>
Thursday, April 15 10:00am-12:00pm	Unit 15: U Visas and T Visas
Tuesday April 20	NO CLASS
Thursday, April 22	NO CLASS
Tuesday, April 27 1:00-3:00pm	Unit 16: TPS, LRIF, DACA, Registry, Legalization, Family Unity and Other Discretionary Options
Thursday, April 29 10:00am-12:00pm	Unit 17: Naturalization and Citizenship

Tuesday, May 4 1:00-3:00pm	Unit 18: Identifying Immigration Remedies and Use of Case Management Systems
Thursday, May 6 10:00am-12:00pm	Unit 19 & 20: Constitutional and Statutory Rights of Immigrants; Negotiation Skills and Building Community Support

Congratulations on completing the course!

EXAM INFORMATION

The exam will be distributed by email following the last class. The exam document will be a Word document. Exams will be due by 11:59pm on Sunday, May 23. Please follow all these instructions:

- Save the document as **YOUR FULL NAME_Exam**
- Place your **NAME in the header** or at the top right corner of the first page of the exam

The exam will be submitted by email to me at jchicco@miracoalition.org. It should be a word document or PDF document attachment (please do not share a google document with me).

The exam is take-home and open book: you may consult the textbook, the slides, the class recordings, your notes, and conduct independent research. You must work independently and not receive feedback from anyone else regarding the exam. **You may not use any type of AI to generate any part of your responses to the exam questions, including asking AI to rephrase your responses.**

Grading:

- Each question is worth two points.
- Partial credit can be earned.
- Note that each subpart of questions 1, 14, and 51 are worth two points (e.g. question one is worth a total of 14 points).
- Total points possible: 134
- Passing score: 94 points
- There will be no retakes permitted. You must achieve a passing score on the final exam in order to receive a Certificate of Completion.