



**HAMLINE UNIVERSITY**  
 School of Law  
 COURSE SYLLABUS

Faculty: **Professor Salima Khakoo**

Course: **Business Immigration**

Semester: **Fall 2010**

Meeting Schedule: **Saturdays 9:15-11:15 AM AM**

Room:

Textbook	Primary Text	Primary Text	Recommended not required
Author	Martin Lawler		
Title and edition of text	A Matter of Degree, 5 <sup>th</sup> Edition		
Publisher/year	American Immigration Lawyers Association (2009)		
ISBN	978-1-57370-280-5		

***Learning Outcomes for the Course:*** Students will gain background knowledge and proficiency in non-immigrant and immigrant visas for temporary and permanent workforce, the interplay of Department of Labor, Department of Homeland Security and Department of State in processing of visas, and current trends in recruitment and retention of international employees and investors.

***Course Expectations:*** Students will be expected to complete reading assignments, participate in class and be actively engaged in the nuts and bolts of class assignments that will provide real world experience in designing non-immigrant and immigrant visa petitions.

*HUSL Policies on attendance, lateness and preparation*

The program of instruction at the School of Law is based on an active and informed exchange between instructor and student and between student and student. Regular, prepared class attendance helps develop skills essential to the competent practice of law. A student who violates the attendance policy, including the instructor's specification of class expectation described below, may lose his or her right to take the exam in the course, to receive course credit or may receive other penalties described below and in Academic Rule 108. Persistent or frequent lateness or unpreparedness may also be the basis for reduction of the grade awarded in a course. See Academic Rule 108 for further details.

**Attendance Policies in this Course:** Students are responsible for timely notification if they are going to be absent since some assignments will rely on full participation of the student group. Unexcused absences will impact the final grade.

**Punctuality/Preparation Policies in this Course:** Students are expected to be prepared for class work based on completion of reading and other assignments.

**Policy on Laptop Use in Class:** Permissible for lectures but students are requested to keep laptops closed during active learning projects in the class including class discussion.

**Grading Components:** Midterm will include a writing assignment with class presentations. Final exam will consist of a mock application for a particular visa. In each class, one student will be assigned to lead an aspect of the class discussion.

Grades: Midterm- 33%, Final 33%, In-class punctuality and preparedness 33%

Initial reading assignments (first two weeks):

Students are requested to purchase Martin Lawler, Professionals, A Matter of Degree, Fifth Edition, ISBN: 978-1-57370-280-5 / June 2009 / 768 pages

Week 1: Read Chapters 1 and 2- Identify an article in the news that is either supporting a worker shortage in a profession or unemployment (glut of workers) in a profession. Last names that start from A-L- you need to bring an article with shortage. Last names that start with M-Z, you need to bring an article with unemployment/glut in the market. Last names that are hyphenated or two last names, pick the letter of the first part of your last name and follow accordingly.

Week 2: Read Chapter 3 and 4.