CRIMMIGRATION

Semester: Fall 2014

Course Number: IRTS 7033 Call Number: 000028
Professor: Vazquez
Credits: 3 Hours
Primary Basis for the Grade: Tentatively engagement, short papers, and end of semester presentation; Letter Grade
Prerequisites: None

Enrollment: Open
Meets Seminar Requirement? No
Meets Writing Requirement? No
Meets Client Counseling Requirement? No
Meeting Times: W 1:30 to 4:30 pm
Location: 208

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course will focus on the historical and current relationship between criminal and immigration law. The class will look at the intersection both in the criminal justice system as well as the immigration court system. It will proceed in two parts.

First, it will focus on procedural and substantive law. The goal during this part of the course is for students to gain a practical knowledge to take a non-citizen defendant from his arrest in the criminal system through his immigration proceeding with the ability to understand the consequences of the criminal conviction to his immigration status. Therefore, this part will focus on specific grounds of deportation and inadmissibility related to criminal conduct; analyzing the Immigration and Nationality Act, criminal law, and pertinent case law. This part will include topics such as mandatory detention, aggravated felonies, divisible statutes, crimes of moral turpitude, and Sixth Amendment right to counsel.

Second, it will focus on policy. The course will discuss current federal, state and local governmental immigration policies; including immigration raids, cooperation between local law enforcement and the Department of Homeland Security as well as and local ordinances aimed at businesses and employers. Policy discussions will include issues of race, national origin, and ethnicity and its relationship, if any, to the increased use of the criminal justice system to enforce immigration law on national security and public safety grounds. This section will address topics including Secure Communities, 287(g), Operation Streamline and state and local immigration legislation such as SB 1070.

SPECIAL NOTE:
There is no textbook for this course. Most assignments are based on secondary sources. Reading assignments will consist of cases, statutes, law review articles, book chapters, immigration reports, and newspaper articles. Reading will be substantial at times.

Laptops and other electronic devices are prohibited during class to assist in class engagement. The structure of this class is seminar style (even though this class does not meet the seminar requirement). The class may consist of more than 17 students and everyone will be required to actively participate.

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