Instructor: James M. Cooney, Esq.
Rutgers University, Labor Studies & Employment Relations Department, SMLR
Course #37:575:321:01 (3 Credits)
Wednesdays (8:40 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.)
Class Location: Tillet Hall, Room 246, Livingston Campus
Tel: 848-932-8560; E-mail: jacooney@rutgers.edu
Office Hours: Before & after class or by appointment

**Course Description:** Contemporary immigration law in the U.S.; employer compliance issues; employee rights; immigrant employee representation and related policy debates.

**Learning Objectives:** At the end of the course, the student is able to:

*Labor Studies & Employment Relations Department:*
- Apply employment relations legal concepts, and substantive institutional knowledge, to understanding contemporary developments related to work. (Goal 2)

*School of Management & Labor Relations:*
- Demonstrate an understanding of how to apply knowledge necessary for effective work performance. (Goal VI)

*Additional Course Objective(s) from the Instructor:*
- Demonstrate basic knowledge of immigration law, underlying policies, and applicability of selected employment laws to immigrant workers.
- Demonstrate ability to comprehend court decisions and other readings on immigration law issues.
- Apply immigration law concepts to a given fact pattern.

**Grading Criteria:**
(1) Mid-term Exam (50%)
(2) Final Exam (50%)
(*Credit is also earned for attendance and in-class contributions)

**Attendance:** Students are expected to attend class on a regular basis. Please note that excessive unexcused absences will lower your grade. Unexcused absences in excess of 3 classes may result in a failing grade. Students arriving late to class, or departing class early, must sign-in/out with a TA.

**Course Materials:** Course reading materials are found in the Sakai Announcements section. The Instructor reserves the right to supplement, substitute, and/or modify the listed reading selections.
**Academic Records Retention:** Exams, papers, and any other items submitted by students for grading are retained for 2 years before shredding and disposal. Any student wishing to review any such item must make a request prior to that time.

**Academic Integrity:** The conduct of all students is governed by the Rutgers University Academic Integrity Policy:

**Laptops/Cell Phones:** Students are permitted to bring and use laptop computers in class, for taking notes and viewing class readings. However, please do not engage in laptop-related activities that may distract other students. Students should refrain from texting while in class. Points may be deducted from the grades of students who consistently violate the foregoing policy.

**Recording:** Students are not permitted to videotape or otherwise record any classroom lecture or activity, absent prior express consent and authorization by the Instructor.

**Class Schedule:**

SEPT. 6: -Course Overview

**NO READINGS**

SEPT. 13: -History of U.S. Immigration
-U.S. Citizenship Status

**READINGS:**
-Timeline of U.S. Policy on Immigration and Naturalization
-Defining 'American:' Birthright Citizenship & the Original Understanding of the 14th Amendment (The Federalist, 2015)
-Reports on Birthright Citizenship Reform Proposals (Immigration Policy Center, 2011)

SEPT. 20: -Lawful Permanent Resident Status
-Non-Immigrant Status

**READINGS:**
-Legal Immigration to the U.S. (American Immigration Lawyers Assoc)
-Why Don’t They Just Get In Line? (IPC, 2013)
-Nonimmigrant Admissions (U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security)
-H-1B Worker Rights (U.S. Department of Labor)
SEPT. 27:  - Undocumented Immigrants
            - Deportation and Removal

**READINGS:**

OCT. 4:  - MOVIE: “Wetback – The Undocumented Documentary”

**NO READINGS**

OCT. 11:  - Employment Eligibility Verification
          - Attempts by States to Regulate Immigration Issues
          - Review for Midterm Exam

**READINGS:**
- *Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification*

OCT. 18:  - MID-TERM EXAM

**NO READINGS**

OCT. 25:  - Labor Laws & Immigrant Workers

**READINGS:**

NOV. 1:  - MOVIE: “Lost in Detention” (PBS Frontline 2011)

**NO READINGS**

NOV. 8:  - Employment Discrimination Laws & Immigrant Workers

**READINGS:**
- *EEOC Compliance Manual Regarding National Origin Discrimination*
- *Garcia v. Spun Steak Co.*, 13 F.3rd 296 (9th Cir. 1993)
NOV. 15:  -Economic Impact of Immigration

**READINGS**
- *Adding It Up: Accurately Gauging the Economic Impact of Immigration Reform* (Ojeda & Robinson, May 2013)
- *The Labor & Output Declines from Removing All Undocumented Immigrants* (American Action Forum, 2016)
- *Facts About Immigration & the U.S. Economy* (Economic Policy Institute, August 12, 2014)

NOV. 22:  NO CLASS (Thanksgiving Week Schedule)

NOV. 29:  -Prospects for Immigration Reform (or Regression)
-Executive Action; Travel Ban

**READINGS:**
- *TBD*

DEC. 6:  -Agricultural Workers
- Day Laborers

**READINGS**
- *All Work and No Pay: Day Laborers, Wage Theft, and Workplace Justice in New Jersey* (Seton Hall Law School, January 2011)

DEC. 13:  FINAL EXAM (not cumulative)

(Date revised: 08/31/2017)