

# Human Trafficking Law

(Two Semester Credits)

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The course will survey the relevant international laws, the Convention and Protocol, as well as the domestic US laws and procedures governing human trafficking, and compare those to the laws of other countries, where relevant. This course aims to provide an overview of international and U.S. law and policy responses to the problem of human trafficking, as well as a practitioner's perspective on protection (legislative drafting, immigration relief), prosecutions (criminal cases), and prevention (civil suits, public information campaigns).

It will take students through the growing array of cases, both civil (trafficking victims suing their trafficker/"employers") and criminal (government prosecution of traffickers). Students will review the international and domestic legislative history to the Protocol and the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, the Act itself, and its Reauthorizations in order to understand how the laws and regulations regarding human trafficking have evolved since first promulgated.

Students should come away with a broad understanding of the so-called "push" and "pull" factors that drive trafficking, the routes used by traffickers, the means by which law enforcement officers find victims and prosecutors make cases against traffickers, and the civil litigation options available to victims. Finally, through use of a simulation, students will learn how to prepare a T-visa application for a victim of human trafficking in the United States.