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### **Las Americas Law Student Spring Break FAQ**

1. *Where is Las Americas located?* Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center is located in El Paso, Texas, less than two miles from the international border and the Paso del Norte port of entry. Our office is located at 1500 E. Yandell Dr., El Paso, TX 79902.
2. *What services does Las Americas provide?* Las Americas provides free and low-cost immigration services ranging from deportation defense and detained asylum work to humanitarian affirmative immigration work and family-based petitions.
3. *Who can volunteer?* We are primarily in need of 2 and 3Ls, but are more than happy to receive 1Ls as well.
4. *Do I need immigration experience?* While we love having students with a background in immigration join us, we will provide you with the training you need to conduct intakes, credible fear interview preparation sessions, and other tasks. Please tell us in advance whether or not you have immigration experience.
5. *Do I need to speak Spanish?* No. Although most of our clients are monolingual Spanish speakers we do have access to a language line to assist in interpretation. Please keep in mind that activities for non-Spanish speakers may vary based on interpreter availability. *Speak another language?* We also frequently have clients who speak K'iche, Portuguese, French, and Punjabi.
6. *How long do I need to commit?* We require law students groups commit to our organization for at least one week. That allows us to provide the necessary training to each group and allows you to assist as many people as possible.
7. *What types of activities will I be doing?* Depending on your year/legal background, you can expect to do detained intakes to screen people for asylum eligibility, Credible Fear Interview Preparation sessions with detained migrants, write legal briefs, attend Master Calendar Hearings, research country conditions, assemble asylum and VAWA packets, assemble court submissions, visit clients in El Paso, Otero, and Sierra Blanca, collect data on human rights violations, and other activities as needed.



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8. *Are there stipends or funding available for this program?* Las Americas is unable to provide stipends or funding for this volunteer program. Law student groups have been able to secure funding through their law schools.
9. *How do I get there?* It is easiest to fly into the El Paso International Airport, which is located less than seven miles from our office.
10. *Where should I stay?* Las Americas is located close to downtown and less than 7 miles from the airport. Many pro-bono volunteers have found Airbnb to offer affordable accommodations, though your school may make alternative accommodations.
11. *Do I need a car?* El Paso does not have efficient public transportation. We highly recommend that any group of law students have at least one vehicle. Driving is necessary to get to the detention centers, some of which are located more than half an hour away.
12. *I have more questions!* Please email Diana Nevárez Ramírez at [diananevarez@las-americas.org](mailto:diananevarez@las-americas.org) with any questions.
13. *I am in! What do I do next?* Please email [volunteersinfo@las-americas.org](mailto:volunteersinfo@las-americas.org) and our Volunteer Coordinator will follow up with you.