



Public Interest Law Certificate

Students seeking a Public Law Interest Certificate must earn a 3.0 in each of four public interest classes from the list below, enroll in a clinic, practicum, or externship, complete 30 volunteer hours, and complete the Public Interest Law Seminar.

I. Course Requirements

The Public Interest Law Certificate requires that the Certificate student have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA in each of four of the required courses listed below, for a total of no less than 10 credit hours. Please indicate which required courses you have completed and the grade you earned. If you have completed two different clinics, practica, or externships; one clinic, practicum, or externship may fulfill the clinic, practicum, or externship requirement (see second page of requirements), and the other may count as one of your four required public interest courses.

<u>GRADE</u>		<u>GRADE</u>	
___	Access to Health Care (2-3)	___	Family Law Practicum (1)
___	Administrative Law (3)	___	Federal Tax Clinic (4)
___	Administrative Law and Health Care Regulation (3)	___	Feminist Jurisprudence (3)
___	Adoption Law Seminar (1)	___	First Amendment Rights (3)
___	Advanced Family Law	___	Government Health Policy (2)
___	Advanced Issues in Domestic Relations Law (1)	___	Government Regulation and the Marketplace (2)
___	Alternate Dispute Resolution (2)	___	Health Justice Project (4)
___	Bankruptcy Law (3)	___	Human Trafficking in the U.S. (2)
___	Business Law Center Clinic (4)	___	Immigration Law (2)
___	Child and Family Law Mediation (2)	___	Interdisciplinary Seminar on Domestic Violence (3)
___	ChildLaw Fellows Seminar (1)	___	Int'l Law & Policy Refugees & Internally Displaced people (1)
___	ChildLaw Legislation (3)	___	Juvenile Justice Seminar (2)
___	ChildLaw Trial Practice (3)	___	Labor Law (3)
___	Child, Parent and State (3)	___	Law and Economics (2)
___	Children's Summer Institute (2)	___	Law and Education (2)
___	Civil Rights, Conflicts and Context (2)	___	Law and Poverty (3)
___	Civitas ChildLaw Clinic (2-4)	___	Law and Public Health (2-3)
___	Class Actions Seminar (2)	___	Law and Sexuality (2)
___	Community Law Center Clinic (4)	___	Law and War (2)
___	Comparative Education Law (2)	___	Life After Innocence Project (3)
___	Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties (4)	___	Local Government (3)
___	Consumer Law (3)	___	Mediation Advocacy
___	Criminal Procedure: Adjudication (3)	___	Mediation Seminar (2)
___	Criminal Procedure: Investigation (3)	___	Mental Health Law (2)
___	Critical Legal Studies (2)	___	Natural Law and National Rights (3)
___	Critical Theory: History, Race, & American Law (3)	___	Nonprofit Organizations (3)
___	Current Issues in ChildLaw Seminar (2)	___	Philosophy Law (2)
___	Death Penalty in Illinois (2)	___	Policies and Politics of U.S. Immigration Laws (2)
___	Disability Law (2)	___	Practice of School Law (2)
___	Education Law and Policy (3)	___	Public International Law (1)
___	Education Law for Non-Public Schools (2)	___	Race and the Law (2)
___	Education Law Practicum (1-3)	___	Real Estate: Land Use and Zoning (3)
___	Election Law (3)	___	Rule of Law in Developing Legal Systems (3)
___	Employment Discrimination (3)	___	Special Education Law (2)
___	Employment Law (3)	___	Street Law (3)
___	Employment Law Counseling	___	Therapeutic Jurisprudence Practicum (2)
___	Environmental Law (3)	___	Victims Rights (2)
___	Externship (2-3)	___	Virtual Justice (3)
___	Family Law (3)	___	World Trade Organization (1)

If you have taken a course(s) that is not on the list above, but you would like to suggest that it be included as one of your Public Interest courses, please list below for consideration:

II. Clinic Participation or Externship

Certificate students must enroll in one of Loyola’s clinics or practica or participate in an externship at a governmental agency or an agency that serves, represents or advocates on behalf of indigent persons, disadvantaged groups, or inadequately protected interests:

Clinics and Practica:

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| ___ Business Law Center Clinic | ___ Education Law Practicum | ___ Health Justice Project |
| ___ Civitas ChildLaw Clinic | ___ Federal Tax Clinic | ___ Life After Innocence Project |
| ___ Community Law Center Clinic | | |

or Externships:

Government Agency: _____

Non-Profit Organization: _____

(On the line above, list the name of the governmental agency or organization at which you externed during law school)

If you worked at an unpaid public interest internship that was not part of Loyola’s clinical, practicum or externship programs, and you would like to suggest that it be considered as your public interest experiential learning, please list it below:

III. Volunteer Work

Students seeking the Certificate in Public Interest Law must participate in a significant volunteer/pro bono activity, serving, representing, or advocating on behalf of indigent persons, disadvantaged groups, or inadequately protected interests. Students must perform 30 hours of volunteer work at any time during their law school career, prior to and including summers and the semester in which they are enrolled in the Seminar. This is separate and distinct from enrollment in a clinic, practicum, or externship.

NOTE: All 30 hours need not be completed with the same organization. Students must provide a letter on agency letterhead, signed by their supervisor, which verifies their volunteer work. If a student is unable to secure a letter, the student must provide an affidavit as proof of their volunteer experience(s). Please list all volunteer work below:

Legal:

Non-legal:

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| 1. _____ (where you volunteered) | 1. _____ (where you volunteered) |
| _____ (name of supervisor) | _____ (name of supervisor) |
| 2. _____ (where you volunteered) | 2. _____ (where you volunteered) |
| _____ (name of supervisor) | _____ (name of supervisor) |
| 3. _____ (where you volunteered) | 3. _____ (where you volunteered) |
| _____ (name of supervisor) | _____ (name of supervisor) |
| 4. _____ (where you volunteered) | 4. _____ (where you volunteered) |
| _____ (name of supervisor) | _____ (name of supervisor) |
| 5. _____ (where you volunteered) | 5. _____ (where you volunteered) |
| _____ (name of supervisor) | _____ (name of supervisor) |

IV. Public Interest Law Seminar

Students must enroll in the Public Interest Law Seminar during their second or third year of law school. At the time of enrollment in the Seminar, students shall have completed or be in the process of completing the 30 required volunteer service hours. Also, at the time of enrollment in the Seminar, the student shall have completed or be in the process of completing a clinical program, practicum, or externship. During the Seminar, students will either write a publishable article on a public interest topic or complete a project related to the public interest.

V. Signatures/Approvals

Students must have this form signed by the Director of Public Interest Programs before returning it to the School of Law Registrar.

Law Student Name, ID #, and email (and whether you prefer 1 or 2 credit hours for the Public Interest Law Seminar) _____

By Director Public Interest Programs: _____ Date: _____

By School of Law Registrar: _____ Date: _____

Certificate Produced by Department: _____ Date: _____