

Loyola Leadership Lab (L3)

The Loyola Leadership Lab (L3) is designed to provide law students with key leadership skills employers seek when hiring law graduates. These skills go beyond substantive knowledge of the law and are critical for success in a legal career. These skills include:

- leading teams/strategy;
- working in teams;
- cross-cultural competence/global mindset;
- emotional intelligence/empathy;
- negotiating effectively;
- legal problem-solving;
- core business skills;
- basic fluency in technology;
- professional presentation skills;
- design thinking;
- resilience/mindfulness

L3 was created through a collaboration of faculty, staff, and alums. It provides a roadmap for law students to develop leadership skills that will help lead to success in law school and the early years of practice.

HOW IT WORKS: In the first semester of your second year, students will meet with Marianne Deagle, Director of the Office of Career Services, to review the approved list of courses and activities (see attached) that will help you develop leadership skills. In your second year, L3 students will then take courses and engage in activities from the approved L3 list. In your third year, students will complete the courses and activities. In your final semester, students will meet with Ms. Deagle to create a career plan for the first years of practice and review your L3 progress. Students who acquire 100 points will be formally recognized by the law school.

For more information or questions, please see or contact Marianne Deagle in Career Services, your curriculum advisor, or Faculty Directors Spencer Weber Waller and Teresa Frisbie.

L3: Approved List of Courses and Activities¹

Courses that Incorporate Leadership Skills (20 points) Each course is worth 5 points.	Student Co-curricular Leadership (20 points) Students should focus on one activity.	Professional Involvement/ Visibility/ Networking Skills (20 points) Each activity is 10 points.	Resilience/ Mindfulness Co-curricular or Outside Activity (20 points) Each activity is worth 10 points.	Professional/Life Planning (20 points) Each yearly plan is worth 10 points.
See additional handout for Approved Courses ²	Competition team captain/leader	National, state, or local bar association involvement	Regular outside yoga, Tai Chi, meditation or similar class or group	Draft a career/life balance plan both 2L and 3L year. (10 points each year)
	Student of the Year competition team award at Advocacy Banquet	Other significant professional association involvement related to law or group of possible future clients	Regular participation in mindfulness activities such as law school Mindfulness Pop Ups, or regular participation in law school Community Circles	
	Law student organization officer or executive board member	Conference attendance	Regular mindfulness practice in any form, whether prayer, time in nature, movement, etc.	
	Law journal editor Moot Court Board member Trial Advocacy Board member Service on Faculty Committee Big siblings for SBA, BLSA and other groups	Blogging or podcasting - law related Pass Legal Technology Assessment (through law library)	Regular participation in Loyola University mindfulness programs (Wellness Center Resources: https://www.luc.edu/wellness/resources/mindfulnessmeditation)	
	Trained circle keeper for law school Community Circles	Publishing an article at Loyola or elsewhere Participate in certain Office of Career Services events	Participation in Mindfulness in Law Society and weekly meditations (free one-year membership for law students)	
	Academic, legal writing or PIF tutor	Active on Linked-In <i>*Required (no points awarded)</i>	Mindfulness Training: Free 8 Week Online Course https://palousemindfulness.com Online Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR)	
			Regular use of a free mindfulness meditation app such as Headspace or Calm	

¹ 10 points in one of the first four categories can be replaced with other demonstration of leadership skills during law school, as determined by the program coordinators.

² The PIF course and other required courses such as live client experiences are not included at this time. However, a second semester of clinic or externships beyond the required live client experience would count toward the course requirement.

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Approved Courses for Leadership Skill Development

Each course is worth 5 points; 20 point requirement

SUMMER OFFERINGS

- Business and Finance (Law 903) **Online*
- Design Thinking and Early Childhood Education (Law 561)
- Clinics, Practica, or Externships (for credits beyond LCE Requirements)

FALL OFFERINGS

- Alternative Dispute Resolution (Law 556) (WJD)
- Business and Finance (Law 903) **Online*
- Business Practice Transactional Skills (Law 405)
- Enterprise Risk Management (Law 929) **Online*
- Information Technology and Human Rights Practicum (Law 464)
- Law and Psychology (Law 127)
- Law, Life and Spirituality (Law 209)
- Mediation Advocacy (Law 406)
- Mediation Certification and Courthouse Practicum (Law 584)
- Mediation Seminar (Law 456)
- Mediation Workshop (Law 625)
- Negotiation and Client Counseling Workshop (Law 404)
- Negotiation Seminar (Law 449)
- Practical Skills Boot Camp (Law 111)
- Race and the Law (Law 214)
- Storytelling and Presentation Skills for Lawyers (Law 356) (WJD)
- Capstone Project (Law 376)
- Clinics, Practica, or Externships (for credits beyond LCE Requirements)

SPRING OFFERINGS

- Advanced Business Transactions (Law 417)
- Business Practice Transactional Skills (Law 405) (WJD)
- Child and Family Law Mediation (Law 615)
- Diversity and the Law (Law 474)
- Electronic Discover Law and Problem Solving (Law 551)
- Enterprise Risk Management (Law 929) **Online*
- Health Law Business Finance (Law 741)
- Information Technology and Human Rights Practicum (Law 464) **Online*
- Leadership Development (Law 668) **Online*
- Legal Technology (Law 297)
- Mediation Advocacy (Law 406)
- Mini MBA for Lawyers (Law 446)
- Negotiation and Client Counseling Workshop (Law 404)
- Negotiation Seminar (Law 449)
- Practical Skills Boot Camp (Law 111)
- Restorative Justice (Law 408)
- Storytelling and Presentation Skills for Lawyers (Law 356) (WJD)
- Transactional Skills Seminar (Law 130)
- Women and Leadership (Law 216)
- Capstone Project (Law 376)
- Clinics, Practica, or Externships (for credits beyond LCE Requirements)