

ADVOCACY CERTIFICATE

Setting the bar for courtroom-ready skills.

You will benefit from a wealth of expertise as distinguished academics and experienced attorneys teach courses in trial advocacy, appellate advocacy, and dispute resolution. And you'll sharpen your practical skills through externships and clinics. Earning an Advocacy Certificate means you have developed the litigation and dispute resolution skills that will set you apart.

Requirements

To earn the Certificate in Advocacy, you must complete 18 credits from a menu of designated advocacy courses and participate in an advocacy program extracurricular event. You must have an average cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above, or an average grade of B or better in each course of your advocacy certificate curriculum, in order to receive the certificate.

Advocacy Certificate coursework and activities are designed to achieve key learning outcomes and competencies.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses ¹		10
LAW 210	Evidence	
LAW 411	Trial Practice I	
LAW 412	Trial Practice II	
Elective Courses (at least one from each of the following sections)		8
<i>Advanced Litigation (choose at least one)</i>		
LAW 107	Illinois Litigation Racism, Injustice & Poverty	
LAW 179	The Law of Jury Selection	
LAW 184	Advanced Litigation Skills	
LAW 252	Personal Injury Law and Advocacy	
LAW 277	Intellectual Property Litigation	
LAW 311	Advanced Evidence	
LAW 313	Illinois Civil Litigation Practice	
LAW 422	Federal Litigation Practice	
LAW 435	Deposition Advocacy Workshop	
LAW 441	Trial Practice - Modern Trials	
LAW 473	Class Actions	
LAW 509	Federal Courts	
LAW 573	Terrorism Prosecutions: Civil Rights & Executive Power in Theory and Practice	
LAW 729	Health Care Litigation and Medical Malpractice	
LAW 844	Advanced Trial Practice	
<i>Trial or Appellate Advocacy Writing (choose at least one)</i>		
LAW 181	Supreme Court Seminar	
LAW 246	Advanced Mediation Advocacy Practicum	
LAW 289	Advanced Legal Research: Spec Topics	
LAW 290	Advanced Legal Research	
LAW 293	Advanced Writing for Legal Practice	
LAW 406	Mediation Advocacy	
LAW 418	Pre-Trial Litigation	
LAW 449	Negotiations Seminar	
LAW 456	Mediation Seminar	

LAW 518	Advanced Mediation and Courthouse Practicum
LAW 535	Advanced Writing Workshop
LAW 556	Alternative Dispute Resolution
LAW 598	Appellate Advocacy Honors Program
LAW 584	Mediation Certification & Courthouse Practicum
<i>Dispute Resolution (choose at least one)</i>	
LAW 615	Child and Family Law Mediation
LAW 841	Intntl Commercial Arbitration & the CISG
<i>Co-Curricular Experience (choose at least one)</i>	
LAW 166	Education Law Practicum
LAW 215	Domestic Violence Practicum
LAW 249	Human Trafficking: Advancing Protections for Children Practicum
LAW 259	Workways of the U.S. Supreme Court
LAW 276	Criminal Law Practicum
LAW 356	Storytelling and Presentation Skills for Lawyers
LAW 408	Restorative Justice Workshop
LAW 438	Dispute Resolution Skills Teams
LAW 470	Immigration Practicum Advancing
LAW 483	Federal Tax Clinic I
LAW 486	Federal Tax Clinic II
LAW 511	London Comparative Advocacy Prgm
LAW 527	International Arbitration Oral Advocacy
LAW 554	Family Law Practicum
LAW 572	Special Education Dispute Resolution
LAW 595	Community LawCtr Clinic I
LAW 596	Community Law Center Clinic II
LAW 599	Externship Intensive Field Placement
LAW 606	Legislation and Policy Clinic
LAW 620	Childlaw Clinic
LAW 625	Mediation Workshop
LAW 755	Health Justice Project
LAW 757	Advanced Health Justice Project
LAW 761	Health Justice Policy
LAW 825	Business Law Center Clinical & Seminar
LAW 826	Business Law Clinic II
LAW 842	International Commercial Arbitration

Total Hours **18**

¹ Completion of three graded credit hours of Corboy Fellowship or Trial Practice I Applied may substitute for Trial Practice I or Trial Practice II. Completion of six graded credit hours of the Corboy Fellowship or Trial Practice I Applied may substitute for both Trial Practice I and Trial Practice II.

Extracurricular Event

Additionally, you must attend at least one event sponsored by the Advocacy Center, including, but not limited to: conferences, lectures, colloquia, or advocacy competitions (volunteering).

Applying for Your Certificate

After completing all requirements, during your final semester you must complete an online application

(https://luclawschool.formstack.com/forms/loyola_university_chicago_school_of_law_application_for_certificate_in_advocacy_for_j_d_students/) for the Certificate in Advocacy. You are required to submit your online application according to the following deadlines:

- Winter graduates: December 1 (Extracurricular Event Attendance can be submitted with your online application or as an amendment by December 15 to ggerardi@luc.edu)
- Spring graduates: March 1 (Extracurricular Event Attendance can be submitted with your online application or by as an amendment by May 1 to ggerardi@luc.edu)

You should submit your online application pursuant to these deadlines even if you are currently enrolled in certificate coursework and/or if you have yet to attend an approved Extracurricular Event. You are required to present a draft of your application to the Registrar during your graduation interview and this Sample Certificate in Advocacy (https://www.luc.edu/media/lucedu/law/centers/advocacy/pdfs/sample_certificate_in_advocacy.pdf) may be helpful in that regard. The Advocacy Center Assistant Director will approve your online application and submit it to the Law School Registrar's Office upon completion of your last semester of schooling.

Please contact the Advocacy Center Assistant Director, Gina Gerardi, at ggerardi@luc.edu with any questions related to the Certificate in Advocacy.