

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CERTIFICATE

Join our tradition of expanding knowledge in the service of humanity

Rooted in our Jesuit identity, Loyola's JD Certificate in Public Interest and Social Justice prepares you for practice settings in government and the non-profit arena where you will advocate and work in service to others. You'll find robust coursework, many clinical opportunities and resources, and co-curricular activities that will provide you with legal skills to help those in need. Our graduates work in civil and criminal law, represent underserved populations, and work to protect legal rights.

Curriculum

There are three requirements for the Public Interest and Social Justice Certificate: coursework; clinic or externship experience; and co-curricular experience.

Coursework

You must complete one required course and at least 10 credit hours of elective courses in public interest law (four courses). You must earn a B or better in each of the four public interest elective courses.

You must enroll in the required Public Interest Law Seminar course during your second or third year of law school, when you have completed or are in the process of completing your 30 required volunteer service hours and a clinical program or externship.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
LAW 389	Public Interest Law Seminar	1-2
Electives (10 credits and 4 courses minimum)		10
LAW 107	Illinois Litigation Racism, Injustice & Poverty	
LAW 110	Labor and Employment Law in the Education Workplace	
LAW 127	Law and Psychology	
LAW 131	Illinois Criminal Law and Policy	
LAW 143	Environmental Justice: Race, Class and the Environment	
LAW 146	Mass Incarceration	
LAW 195	International and Comparative Antitrust	
LAW 198	The Fundamentals of School Law	
LAW 202	Human Trafficking Seminar	
LAW 204	Adoption Law Seminar	
LAW 208	Advanced Criminal Law	
LAW 212	Civil Rights	
LAW 216	Women and Leadership	
LAW 217	International Climate Change Policy	
LAW 220	First Amendment Rights	
LAW 221	Administrative Law	
LAW 223	Climate Change Law & Policy	
LAW 228	Sexual Harassment Law	
LAW 233	Bankruptcy	
LAW 235	Employment Discrimination	
LAW 240	Criminal Procedure: Investigation	

LAW 241	Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
LAW 249	Human Trafficking: Advancing Protections for Children Practicum
LAW 254	Consumer Law
LAW 294	International Human Rights
LAW 301	Police Accountability
LAW 312	Street Law
LAW 315	Cybersecurity
LAW 323	Business Skills for New Lawyers
LAW 333	Law and Economics
LAW 335	Labor Law
LAW 337	Employment Law
LAW 347	Title IX Compliance in Higher Education
LAW 348	Law & Poverty
LAW 368	Higher Education Law
LAW 388	Global Access to Medicine: A Patent Perspective
LAW 408	Restorative Justice Workshop
LAW 413	Current Issues in Criminal Justice
LAW 425	Feminist Jurisprudence
LAW 426	Special Education Law and Advocacy
LAW 456	Mediation Seminar
LAW 460	Humanitarian Law in Practice
LAW 461	Education Law and Policy
LAW 464	Information Technology and Human Rights Practicum
LAW 474	Diversity in the Law
LAW 482	Advising Not-For-Profit Organizations
LAW 488	Journal of Regulatory Compliance Senior Editor
LAW 519	National Security Law
LAW 522	Election Law
LAW 527	International Arbitration Oral Advocacy
LAW 532	Leadership in the Practice of Law
LAW 537	Human Rights in the Global Economy
LAW 556	Alternative Dispute Resolution
LAW 561	Design Thinking and Early Childhood Education
LAW 572	Special Education Dispute Resolution
LAW 578	Student Disciplinary Hearing Workshop
LAW 590	Wrongful Conviction Seminar
LAW 601	Child, Family, and the State
LAW 602	ChildLaw Trial Practice (Intensive)
LAW 603	Interdisciplinary Seminar on Domestic Violence
LAW 608	Juvenile Justice
LAW 613	ChildLaw Fellows Seminar
LAW 615	Child and Family Law Mediation
LAW 663	Children's Summer Institute
LAW 683	Legal Issues in School Discipline
LAW 689	Family Law
LAW 710	Health Law: Patients and Populations
LAW 717	Mental Health Law
LAW 745	Access to Health Care
LAW 754	Health Justice Lab
LAW 760	Disability Law

LAW 955 Administrative Law and Health Care Regulation

Comparative International Free Speech

Health Justice Interdisciplinary Lab

Health Justice Lab: Race and Health Equity

Social Justice and the Law

Total Hours

11-12

Clinic or Externship Experience

You must complete a clinic, practica, or externship at a government agency or agency that serves, represents, or advocates on behalf of indigent persons, disadvantaged groups, or inadequately protected interests:

- Business Law Clinic
- ChildLaw Clinic
- Community Law Center Clinic
- Education Law Practicum
- Externship (government agency or non-profit organization)
- Federal Tax Clinic
- Health Justice Project
- Life After Innocence Project

Co-Curricular Experience

You must complete 30 hours of public service work. This work does not need to be at one organization and it need not be completed prior to enrolling in the Public Interest Law Seminar.

Applying for Your Certificate

After completion of all requirements, you must complete an application (https://luclawschool.formstack.com/forms/public_interest_and_social_justice_certificate/) for the Certificate in Public Interest and Social Justice. Submit a completed application to the Director of Public Interest Programming for signature. You must then submit your signed application form to the Law School Registrar's Office.

Graduate & Professional Standards and Regulations

Students in graduate and professional programs can find their Academic Policies in Graduate and Professional Academic Standards and Regulations (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional-academic-standards-regulations/>) under their school. Any additional University Policies supercede school policies.