

Social Justice Advocacy Certificate of Concentration

Objective

The certificate of concentration in Social Justice Advocacy is intended for a select group of students who aspire to use their legal advocacy skills to address social justice issues.

Eligibility

Preference for admission to this program is given to Stetson law students in good standing who have completed a minimum of 30 semester credit hours and not more than 45 semester credit hours. The co-directors (Professor Scully, Professor Adams, and Professor Piccard) of the concentration program will make final determinations on all applications for acceptance into this program based upon consideration of the student's application materials, the student's demonstrated commitment to the program and the likelihood that the student will be able to successfully complete the requirements of the program.

How to Apply

Interested students should download and complete the **Concentration Application (PDF)** and deliver the completed application to the Faculty Support Services Office.

Requirements

In order to receive the Social Justice Advocacy (SJA) Certificate of Concentration at graduation, a student must be formally accepted into the program, and must complete the following requirements:

- The student must complete at least 21 hours in the specifically approved curriculum listed below, including both mandatory and elective curriculum requirements, with an average/cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 in all courses taken in the Approved Curriculum. Students must also achieve at least a 2.25 in any course taken in the approved curriculum which is to be included in the 21 hour requirement;
- Each student must participate in an approved experiential learning opportunity related to social justice advocacy law (e.g., a clinic, internship, or other experiential learning unit approved by a director of the Social Justice Advocacy Program);
- Each student must complete additional mentoring, *pro bono* service, and assigned administrative tasks, as approved by her/his faculty mentor (<http://www.stetson.edu/law/academics/advocacy/home/social-justice-advocacy-mentors.php>) and the co-directors of the Social Justice Advocacy Concentration Program; and
- In addition to any elective Seminar, each student must complete a separate Independent Study Project or Directed Research Project approved by her/his faculty mentor in an area of social justice advocacy that would fulfill the experiential and/or writing requirements of an IRP or DRP.

Required Mentoring

Upon being selected into the Social Justice Advocacy Certificate of Concentration program, a student will be assigned a mentor who is a member of Stetson Law's faculty or a practicing member of the bar. The student will be expected to meet regularly with her/his mentor, no less than twice each semester, for the purpose of discussing advancement toward completion of SJA requirements. Further, as a prerequisite for registration for each upcoming semester, each student accepted into the concentration program will be required to obtain the approval of her/his mentor regarding her/his elective course selections. In keeping with this goal, students in the Social Justice Advocacy Certificate of Concentration Program should not select elective courses simply because they are listed as qualifying courses, but will be expected to present an elective course plan that is directly related to their career plan.

Pro Bono Service

To receive the Social Justice Advocacy Certificate of Concentration, at least 30 hours of the 60 hours of *pro bono* service required for graduation must be related to the student's approved area of social justice advocacy.

Administrative Hours

To receive the Certificate of Concentration in Social Justice Advocacy, a student must perform any administrative hours requested by a co-director of the SJA program to plan, or participate in planning, programs at or sponsored by the Stetson University College of Law that are directly related to the SJA Concentration Program.

Approved Mandatory Curriculum

Although all areas of social justice advocacy are inter-related, the Social Justice Advocacy Certificate of Concentration program will encourage students to focus on coursework that advances their interest in the criminal justice system or their interest in civil law subjects that relate to a specific field of practice or law-related service that furthers the public interest and social equality.

Mandatory Curriculum (Criminal Law Emphasis)

Students who wish to pursue a criminal law emphasis must complete nine (9) credit hours related to criminal law which are the following courses:

Criminal Procedure- Investigation (3 credit hours) and two other three (3) credit hour criminal law or criminal procedure courses from the Approved Elective Course list below that have been specifically approved by a Social Justice Advocacy mentor.

Each student in the Social Justice Advocacy Certificate of Concentration Program **must** complete the Independent Research Project (IRP) or the Directed Research Project (DRP) requirement.

Mandatory Curriculum (Civil Law Emphasis)

Students who wish to pursue a civil law emphasis must complete one of the following courses: Administrative Law, Administrative Law for Health Care, Consumer Protection Law, Employment Discrimination, Environmental Law, Environmental Regulation of Water, Florida Administrative Law, International Trade and the Environment, Labor Law, Land Use Law, Poverty Law, or Water Law: Public and Private Rights.

Each student in the Social Justice Advocacy Certificate of Concentration Program **must** complete the Independent Research Project (IRP) or the Directed Research Project (DRP) requirement.

Elective Courses: Faculty mentors will counsel students to maintain a focus on electives that are related to students' areas of special interest. Additional elective classes may be approved by the co-directors upon written explanation from a student who wishes to take such a class based on her/his area of emphasis within the SJA Concentration Program.

Code	Title	Credits
LAW 3040	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (Civil)	3 credits
LAW 3045	ADMIN LAW FOR HEALTH CARE (Civil)	2 to 3 credits
LAW 3054	ADOPTION LAW SEMINAR (Civil)	3 credits
LAW 3075	ADVANCED CRIMINAL TRIAL ADVOCACY (Criminal)	3 credits
LAW 3129	AMERICAN LEGAL HISTORY (Civil)	3 credits
LAW 3162	CHILDREN AND THE LAW (Civil)	3 credits
LAW 3217	THE FIRST AMENDMENT (Civil/Criminal)	3 credits
LAW 3238	CONSUMER LAW (Civil/Criminal)	2 to 3 credits
LAW 3265	CRIM PROCEDURE - ADJUDICATION (Criminal)	3 credits
LAW 3270	CRIM PROCEDURE-INVESTIGATION (Criminal)	3 credits
LAW 3296	DISABILITY LAW (Civil)	2 to 3 credits
LAW 3298	DIVERSE ISSUES IN ADVOCACY I (Civil/Criminal)	1 credit
LAW 3334	EMPLOYMENT LAW (Civil)	3 credits
LAW 3324	ELECTION LAW SEMINAR (Civil/Criminal)	3 credits
LAW 3333	EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION (Civil)	3 credits
LAW 3412	FAMILY LAW (Civil)	3 credits

LAW 3414	FAMILY LAW MEDIATION	3 credits
LAW 3430	FED COURTS & FEDERAL SYSTEM (Civil/Criminal)	3 credits
LAW 3485	FEMINIST JURISPRUDENCE SEMINAR (Civil)	3 credits
LAW 3490	FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (Civil)	3 credits
LAW 3502	FLORIDA CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (Criminal)	3 credits
LAW 3511	FOOD LAW AND POLICY SEMINAR (Civil)	2 credits
LAW 3943	HIST/WESTRN LW&LEG THOUGHT SEM (Civil/Criminal)	3 credits
LAW 3544	HUMAN TRAFFICKING (Civil/Criminal)	3 credits
LAW 3538	IMMIGRATION LAW (Civil/Criminal)	3 credits
LAW 3539	IMMIGRATION LITIGAT & ADVOCACY (Civil/Criminal)	3 credits
LAW 3584	INTERN'L LAW HUMAN RIGHTS SEM (Civil/Criminal)	3 credits
LAW 3115	INTRO TO AGING AND THE LAW (Civil)	3 credits
LAW 3600	JURISPRUDENCE (Civil)	3 credits
LAW 3611	JUVENILE LAW SEMINAR (Criminal)	2 credits
LAW 3613	LABOR LAW (Civil)	3 credits
LAW 3216	LW & THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT (Civil/Criminal)	2 credits
LAW 3219	LAW & THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT TRAVEL CRSE	3 credits
LAW 3665	LAW & HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY	2 to 3 credits
LAW 3675	LAW & SEXUAL ORIENTATION SEM (Civil)	3 credits
LAW 3684	LW THROUGH THE LENS/POETRY SEM (Civil/Criminal)	3 credits
LAW 3710	LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW	3 credits
LAW 3771	POVERTY LAW (Civil)	3 credits
LAW 3778	NATIVE AMERICAN TREATY LAW	3 credits
LAW 3788	RACE AND THE LAW SEMINAR (Civil/Criminal)	3 credits
LAW 3876	SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY&THE LW (Civil/Criminal)	3 credits
LAW 3550	THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM AND HUMAN RIGHTS	2 credits
LAW 3551	THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE CIVIL LEGAL SYSTEM	1 credit

NOTE: The elective courses listed above may not be offered in a particular semester, and some may not be offered regularly in the academic year. Note also that courses may be listed as mandatory (for the criminal or civil track) and also listed as "elective courses." Thus a student in the criminal

track may, with approval of the faculty mentor, enroll in an appropriate elective course in civil law. However, no course may be "double-counted," toward the total credit hour requirement for the SJA Concentration. Each student who is in the Social Justice Advocacy Certificate of Concentration program will receive academic counseling from Professor Scully, Professor Adams, or Professor Piccard, or the student's assigned mentor regarding preferred electives prior to registration for each term that the student is in the program. Students in the SJA Concentration Program should take the initiative in contacting their mentor as soon as the elective course offerings are released for each semester, regarding their proposed course schedule for each term.

Externships and Clinics

Internships and clinics that qualify for the concentration program:

Code	Title	Credits
LAW 4200	CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC	5 credits
LAW 4500	CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES CLINIC	5 credits
LAW 4520	CIVIL ELDER LAW CLINIC	5 credits
LAW 3315	ELDER & DISABILITY LW EXTRNSHP	3 to 4 credits
LAW 3317	CONSUMER PROTECT EXTERNSHIP	3 credits
LAW 3332	EMPLOYMENT & LABOR LW EXTERN	3 or 4
LAW 3415	FAMILY LAW EXTERNSHIP	3 credits
LAW 3454	FEDERAL JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP	2 to 4 credits
LAW 3537	HOMELESS ADVOCACY EXTERNSHIP	3 credits
LAW 4535	IMMIGRATION LAW CLINIC	5 credits
LAW 4550	PROSECUTION CLINIC	5 credits
LAW 4560	PUBLIC DEFENDER CLINIC	3 to 5 credits
LAW 4565	TAMPA PROSECUTION CLINIC	5 credits
LAW 4570	VETERAN'S ADVOCACY CLINIC	5 credits

Other Selected Externships

Student Organization Component:

Each student will be encouraged to maintain active membership, and participate in the programming of at least one of the following approved student organizations, which advance social justice dialogue and student development in the specific field related to the student's course area:

- American Association for Justice
- American Constitution Society
- Amnesty International
- Asian American Law Student Association
- Black Law Student Association
- Dream Defenders
- Education Law Association
- Environmental law Society
- Equal Justice Works
- Hispanic Bar Association
- Immigration Law Student Association
- Innocence Initiative at Stetson Law

- International Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Juvenile Justice Initiative
- Labor and Employment Law Association
- Lambda Legal Society
- Leadership Development Committee
- National Association for Women Campus Action Network
- National Lawyers Guild
- Public Service Fellows
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Student Veterans Association
- The Pillars