Family Law Specialization Certificate Requirements
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For students graduating in May 2016 or later, the specialization requirements consist of the courses listed below. Where the choice among multiple courses is offered, the list may not be exhaustive; new courses are regularly added to the curriculum. Approval of courses not on the list is within the discretion of the specialization Advisor. Each approved course must be at least two units.

Students are encouraged to meet with the specialization Advisor to plan their courses and should note that not all classes are offered every term.

To earn a Specialization Certificate in Family Law, a student must complete and earn a B- or better* in the following courses:

1. Family Law (3), and
2. Wills & Trusts (4) or Community Property (2), and
3. Two elective courses from the following list:
   - Alternative Dispute Resolution (3)
   - Children & the Law (3)
   - Community Property (2)***
   - Domestic Violence Seminar (2)
   - Elder Law (2)
   - Estate Planning** (3)
   - Externship: Family Law or other Externship in a family law setting (2-4)
   - Family Law Practice (3)
   - Gender, Children & International Law (2)
   - Independent Study on a Family Law topic (2)
   - Law Review with a Family Law related note topic (2-3)
   - Negotiation (3)
   - Real Estate Transactions (2)
   - Street Law (3)
   - Wills & Trusts (4)***

* All courses counted toward the specialization must be taken for a letter grade unless a course is only offered on a credit/no credit basis (e.g., Externship courses)

*** If not taken as part of requirement #2 above