

Public Interest Law Specialization Certificate Requirements

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For students graduating in December 2020 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 Public Interest Law, a student must complete and earn a B- or better* in the following courses

1. A course with an experiential component such as:
 - ADR for Children & Families (2)
 - Alternative Dispute Resolution (3)
 - Externship course in a public interest placement
 - Environmental Law & Justice Clinic (2-4)
 - HLP Client Representation (2)
 - Veterans' Legal Advocacy Clinic (2-4)
 - Women's Employment Rights Clinic (2-4), and

2. Three elective courses from the following list:
 - Administrative Law (3)
 - Alternative Dispute Resolution (3)
 - Business Immigration Law (2)
 - California Election Law (2)
 - Calif. Environ. & Land Use Law (3)
 - Children & the Law (3)
 - Civil Rights Practice (2)
 - Community Property (2)
 - Competition: Environ. Law Moot Court (2)
 - Criminal Litigation (3)
 - Criminal Procedure II (3)
 - Domestic Violence Seminar (2)
 - Education Law Seminar (2)
 - Energy & Climate Law (3)
 - Employment Law (3)
 - Environmental Law & Justice Clinic (2-4)
 - Environmental Law & Justice Seminar (3)
 - Environmental Law & Policy (3)
 - *Environmental Law Journal* editor /writer (2+)
 - Equality Law Seminar (2)
 - Externship course in a public interest placement (2-4)
 - Family Law (3)
 - Family Law Practice (3)
 - Federal Environmental Law & Policy (3)
 - Gender Based Violence Seminar (2)
 - Gender, Children & International Law (2)
 - Human Rights in the U.S. (2)
 - Immigration Law (3)
 - Immigration & Refugee Policy Seminar (3)
 - International Human Rights (3)
 - International Human Rights Film (2)
 - International Human Rights Seminar (3)
 - International Organizations (3)
 - Law of International Armed Conflict (3)
 - Legislation & Public Policy (2)
 - Mindfulness for Lawyers (2)
 - Negotiation (3)
 - Pandemic & Unrest: Emerging Legal Issues (2)
 - Privacy, Defamation & Other Torts (2)
 - Poverty Law (2)
 - Public International Law (3)
 - Tax Exempt Organizations (3)
 - Terrorism & Counter-Terrorism (2)
 - Toxics & Brownfield Law (3)
 - Transitional Courts (2)
 - Veterans' Legal Advocacy Center (2-4)
 - Veterans' Legal Advocacy Seminar (2)
 - Water Law (3)
 - Women's Employment Rights Clinic (2-4)
 - Women's Employment Rights Seminar (3)

* 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)

** Offered through the LLM in Taxation Program. JD students seeking to enroll must obtain the approval of the LLM in Taxation Program Director.

*** If not taken as part of requirement #1 above