

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.

Related Programs

Master's

- LLM Program for International Lawyers (LLM) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/law/international-lawyers-llm/>)
- Trial Advocacy, Appellate Advocacy, and Alternative Dispute Resolution (LLM) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/law/trial-advocacy-appellate-advocacy-alternative-dispute-resolution-llm/>)

Doctoral

- Law (JD Full time) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/law/full-time-jd/>)

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		
LAW 210	Evidence	4
<i>Trial Practice I (choose at least one)</i>		3
LAW 400	Corboy Fellows I	
LAW 411	Trial Practice I	
LAW 416	Trial Practice I (Intensive)	
LAW 499	Trial Practice I Applied	
LAW 602	ChildLaw Trial Practice (Intensive)	
<i>Trial Practice II (choose at least one)</i>		3
LAW 400	Corboy Fellows I	
LAW 412	Trial Practice II (Section 1)	
LAW 412	Trial Practice II (Section 2 - Securities Litigation)	
LAW 499	Trial Practice I Applied	
Elective Courses (p.) (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 277	Intellectual Property Litigation	

LAW 311	Advanced Evidence
LAW 435	Deposition Advocacy Workshop
LAW 473	Class Actions
LAW 509	Federal Courts
LAW 573	Terrorism Prosecution: Civil Rights & Executive Power in Theory & 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 289	Advanced Legal Research: Spec Topics (Only Litigation)
LAW 290	Advanced Legal Research
LAW 293	Advanced Writing for Legal Practice
LAW 418	Pre-Trial Litigation
LAW 598	Appellate Advocacy Honors Program
<i>Dispute Resolution (choose at least one)</i>	
LAW 246	Advanced Mediation Advocacy Practicum
LAW 406	Mediation Advocacy
LAW 449	Negotiations Seminar
LAW 456	Mediation Seminar
LAW 518	Advanced Mediation and Courthouse Practicum
LAW 556	Alternative Dispute Resolution
LAW 584	Mediation Certification & Courthouse Practicum
LAW 615	Child and Family Law Mediation
LAW 841	Intnl 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 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 554	Family Law Practicum
LAW 572	Special Education Dispute Resolution
LAW 586	Community Law Center Clinic Veterans Practicum
LAW 595	Community LawCtr Clinic I
LAW 596	Community Law Center Clinic II
LAW 599	Externship Intensive Field Placement (Center for Conflict Resolution Externship Only)
LAW 606	Legislation and Policy Clinic
LAW 620	Civitas 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.

Suggested Sequence of Courses

Courses can be taken in any semester after your first year of law school. The three required courses must be taken in sequential order as LAW 210 Evidence is a prerequisite for LAW 411 Trial Practice I, and LAW 411 Trial Practice I is a prerequisite for LAW 412 Trial Practice II. The Extracurricular Event requirement can be completed anytime throughout your years of study.

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.

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/academic-standards-regulations/graduate-professional/>) under their school. Any additional University Policies supersede school policies.

Learning Outcomes

Each student graduating with the Certificate in Advocacy will be able to:

- Learning Outcome (Core): Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the substantive and procedural law of evidence.
- Learning Outcome (Core): Conduct a case before a court of law in a bench trial and jury trial setting.
- Learning Outcome (Advanced Litigation): Identify, formulate and analyze advanced litigation principles as applied in a substantive area of law, including evidentiary issues, complex litigation strategies, theories and concepts, and issues of professional and ethical responsibility.
- Learning Outcome (Trial or Appellate Advocacy with Writing Focus): Draft, present and defend a persuasive written document in the context of litigation at the pretrial, trial or appellate court setting.
- Learning Outcome (Alternative Dispute Resolution): Recognize and advocate for client goals in any dispute resolution setting by analyzing party interests and crafting creative solutions in a mediation or settlement negotiation, or employ oral and written advocacy skills in an arbitration setting.
- Learning Outcome (Co-Curricular): Demonstrate advocacy skills in a live-client or simulated practice setting.