

PUBLIC INTEREST AND SOCIAL JUSTICE 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.

Related Programs

Certificate

- Privacy Law Certificate (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/law/privacy-law-certificate/>)

Combined

- Public Policy/Law (MPP/JD) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/dual-degree-programs/public-policy-law-mpp-jd/>)
- Social Work/Law (MSW/JD) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/dual-degree-programs/social-work-law-msw-jd/>)

Curriculum

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

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		1-2
LAW 389	Public Interest Law Seminar ¹	1-2
Electives (10 credits and 4 courses minimum) ²		10
PLAW 102	History, Theory and Practice of Rule of Law for Development	
LAW 107	Illinois Litigation Racism, Injustice & Poverty	
LAW 108	American Indian Law: Indigenous Justice	
LAW 110	Labor and Employment Law in the Education Workplace	
LAW 127	Law and Psychology	
LAW 143	Environmental Justice: Race, Class and the Environment	
LAW 146	Mass Incarceration	
LAW 156	Abolition and Movement Lawyering	
LAW 178	Antiracism Under Law	
LAW 198	The Fundamentals of School Law	
LAW 202	Human Trafficking Seminar	
LAW 208	Advanced Criminal Law	
LAW 212	Civil Rights	
LAW 214	Race and the Law	
LAW 215	Domestic Violence Practicum	
LAW 216	Women and Leadership	
LAW 217	International Climate Change Policy	
LAW 221	Administrative Law	

LAW 233	Bankruptcy
LAW 240	Criminal Procedure: Investigation
LAW 241	Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
LAW 242	International Criminal Law
LAW 245	Family Law
LAW 249	Human Trafficking: Advancing Protections for Children Practicum
LAW 254	Consumer Law
LAW 258	International Cross-Cultural Negotiation and Communication Skills
LAW 265	Black Traditions in International Law
LAW 273	Refugee Law and Policy: Welcoming the Stranger
LAW 294	International Human Rights
LAW 301	Police Accountability
LAW 302	Intellectual Origins of "Othering" in the Law of Nations
LAW 312	Street Law
LAW 326	Reviewing and Righting Wrongful Convictions
LAW 335	Labor Law
LAW 337	Employment Law
LAW 341	Educational Advocacy Lab
LAW 347	Title IX Compliance in Higher Education
LAW 348	Law & Poverty
LAW 350	Land Use
LAW 358	The Quest for Racial Justice in the Long 1960s
LAW 366	Immigration Law and Policy
LAW 368	Higher Education Law
LAW 385	Nonprofits
LAW 387	International Environmental Law
LAW 388	Global Access to Medicine: A Patent Perspective
LAW 402	"Say Her Name:" Intersectional Feminism & Police Violence
LAW 408	Restorative Justice Workshop
LAW 426	Special Education Law and Advocacy
LAW 447	Federal Indian Law
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 473	Class Actions
LAW 482	Advising Not-For-Profit Organizations
LAW 493	Adult Guardianship Project
LAW 509	Federal Courts
LAW 519	National Security Law
LAW 522	Election Law
LAW 525	Law, Politics, and Society
LAW 538	Critical Race Theory
LAW 552	Political Civil Rights
LAW 556	Alternative Dispute Resolution
LAW 558	Comparative Freedom of Speech
LAW 572	Special Education Dispute Resolution

LAW 573	Terrorism Prosecution: Civil Rights & Executive Power in Theory & Practice
LAW 590	Wrongful Conviction Seminar
LAW 597	The Use of Force in International and Domestic Law
LAW 601	Child, Family, and the State
LAW 602	ChildLaw Trial Practice (Intensive)
LAW 608	Juvenile Justice
LAW 613	ChildLaw Fellows Seminar
LAW 615	Child and Family Law Mediation
LAW 663	Children's Summer Institute
LAW 670	Child Welfare Law and Policy
LAW 678	International Children's Rights
LAW 683	Legal Issues in School Discipline
LAW 687	Introduction to Legislative and Policy Advocacy
LAW 691	Domestic Violence: Theories, Policies and Societal Impact
LAW 710	Health Law: Patients and Populations
LAW 717	Mental Health Law
LAW 745	Access to Health Care
LAW 754	Health Justice Lab (Race and Health Equity)
LAW 816	Racial Justice Seminar Series
LAW 902	Introduction to Health Law and Policy
LAW 907	Bioethics & Social Justice
LAW 917	Public Health and the Law
LAW 926	Human Subjects Protection
LAW 955	Administrative Law and Health Care Regulation

Total Hours **12-14**

¹ Must enroll in 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.

² Must earn a B or better in each of the four public interest elective courses.

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

Learning Outcomes

Each student graduating with the Certificate in Public Interest and Social Justice must demonstrate that they:

- Possess substantive knowledge in areas of public interest law;
- have an understanding of marginalized populations and the intersectionality of issues among those populations;
- have had practical experience in working within a not-for-profit or governmental entity under the supervision of a licensed attorney; and
- have volunteered to work with or on behalf of underserved individuals or communities.