

JURIS DOCTOR (JD)

The curriculum at McGeorge is designed to develop highly skilled professionals who are prepared for the rapidly changing legal market. McGeorge's accomplished faculty challenges students. A legal education at McGeorge will push you academically within a supportive, empathetic environment where faculty and staff are invested in your personal success.

Three-Year JD and Four-Year JD Divisions

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The law school operates on the semester system; two semesters of 14 weeks each plus examination periods. All year-long courses begin in the Fall Semester, which starts in mid-August. The Spring Semester begins in January. Summer Sessions are also offered beginning in May.

The course of study in the Three-Year JD Division leading to the JD degree requires three academic years (six semesters) of full-time study. A Three-Year JD division student must enroll and earn credit for a minimum of 12 units each semester; the usual course load is 14 to 16 units per semester. Our Accelerated Honors Program allows students to complete their JD in two and one-half academic years (five semesters plus one 7-unit summer experience). Three-Year JD division students are expected to devote substantially all their working time to the study of law and are required to limit outside employment to not more than 20 hours per week during the academic year.

The Four-Year JD Division program offers a reduced course load which generally requires four academic years (eight semesters) plus two summers of part-time study to meet JD degree requirements. Course loads usually range from 8 to 10 units each semester, with a minimum of 8 units required per semester. Most Four-Year JD division students enroll in Summer Session courses to reach the required 88 units, but may, schedule permitting, take those units during the academic year instead.

First-year required courses and second-year four-year JD required courses must be taken with the division in which a student is enrolled, unless an exception is approved by the Assistant Dean of Students. Electives and upper-division required courses may be taken after the first year during day or evening hours, as individual schedules permit. Students who wish to change their programs of study from one division to another should schedule an appointment with an academic counselor regarding approval and course of study.

LLM to JD Transfer Pathway

In their last semester, McGeorge's LL.M. students can apply to transfer into the J.D. program without the need to take the LSAT or any additional English language test. The following will be requested and considered by the J.D. admission committee:

- A formal application process requiring first law degree, McGeorge LL.M. transcripts, two letters of reference from McGeorge faculty, personal statement specific to the JD application, and a resume.
- A minimum 2.67 average in a minimum of two bar-tested subjects taken during the LL.M.

- LL.M. grades, difficulty of coursework, and faculty recommendations would substitute for the LSAT, but otherwise J.D. admission decisions will be based on the same factors as for other J.D. applicants.

Up to one-third of the JD credit requirement may be transferred from the LL.M. coursework. The transferred student forgoes the LL.M. degree in order to obtain the J.D. degree in three years including the one year as an LL.M. student.

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Institutional Learning Outcomes

At McGeorge, our learning outcomes are the lawyering skills that students are expected to obtain through the completion of a legal education. Consistent with ABA Standards, upon completion of a JD degree, graduates of the McGeorge School of Law will demonstrate mastery of the following student learning outcomes at the level needed for admission to the bar and effective and ethical participation in the

legal profession as an entry level attorney. McGeorge School of Law has designed its curriculum to prepare students with the key skills and competencies needed to demonstrate these learning outcomes in the legal profession.

Each student will:

1. Demonstrate the ability to identify and understand key concepts in U.S. substantive law, legal theory, and procedure.
2. Apply knowledge and critical thinking skills to perform competent legal analysis, reasoning, and problem solving.
3. Demonstrate the ability to strategize, develop, and conduct efficient legal research in U.S. law.
4. Demonstrate the ability to identify and understand foundational concepts in international law and to perform international legal research.
5. Demonstrate communication skills, including effective listening and critical reading, writing in objective and persuasive styles, and oral advocacy and other oral communications.
6. Demonstrate professional judgment, ethics, and professionalism through conduct consistent with the legal profession's values, standards, and discipline.
7. Demonstrate the ability to understand, collaborate, and engage with people of diverse backgrounds and experiences in a variety of legal settings and contexts.
8. Demonstrate understanding of the legal profession's commitment to access to justice.
9. Demonstrate understanding of career options and steps toward defining and achieving career goals in light of personal values.

Three-Year JD Program

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Three-Year JD students take Skills Lab, Civil Procedure, Contracts, Criminal Law, Global Lawyering Skills I & II, The Legal Profession, Statutes and Regulations, Property, and Torts during the first-year; Global Lawyering Skills III, Constitutional Law and Evidence during the second-year; and Professional Responsibility during either the second- or third-year. First-year required courses must be taken with the division in which a student is enrolled unless an exception is approved by the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. Upper-division electives and required courses may be taken during the day or evening hours, as individual schedules permit.

Required Units

88 semester units are required for graduation. Of those 88 units, 72 semester units must be earned in graded courses.

Required Courses

44 semester units must be earned in in-person courses.

First Year

LAW 100	Skills Lab- Torts	1
LAW 104	The Legal Profession	1
LAW 105	Civil Procedure	4
LAW 110	Contracts	4
LAW 115	Criminal Law	4

LAW 125	Property	4
LAW 131	Torts	4
LAW 134	Global Lawyering Skills I	2
LAW 135	Global Lawyering Skills II	3
LAW 517	Statutes and Regulations	3

Second Year

LAW 136	Global Lawyering Skills III	3
LAW 163	Constitutional Law	4
LAW 174	Evidence	4

Three-Year Division students who are selected for University of the Pacific's Law Review Comment may count GLS III towards the simulation section of the Experiential Curriculum requirement.

Second or Third Year

LAW 185	Professional Responsibility	2
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Total Hours **43**

Minimum GPA

The minimum cumulative GPA required for graduation is 2.33.

Bar Exam

If a student sits for any bar exam (excluding the Patent Bar) prior to completion of all degree requirements, they will not earn a JD degree from McGeorge. An exception may be made for a student who wishes to sit for the Delaware or North Dakota bar exam, which is offered only one time per year.

Period of Study

Students must complete their JD degree within 84 months of matriculation.

Four-Year JD Program

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LAW 115	Criminal Law	4
LAW 131	Torts	4
LAW 134	Global Lawyering Skills I	2
LAW 135	Global Lawyering Skills II	3
Second Year		
LAW 110	Contracts	4
LAW 125	Property	4
LAW 136	Global Lawyering Skills III	3
LAW 163	Constitutional Law	4
LAW 517	Statutes and Regulations	3

Part-Time students are eligible to solicit for University of the Pacific Law Review Comment Staff during their third year. For students who complete both Global Lawyering Skills III and Comment, Global Lawyering Skills III may count towards the simulation section of the Experiential Curriculum requirement.

Third Year		
LAW 174	Evidence	4
Third or Fourth Year, or Any Summer*		
LAW 185	Professional Responsibility	2
Total Hours		43

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Juris Doctor Certificate of Concentration Programs

McGeorge's diverse electives and co-curricular offerings allow you to explore a variety of legal career opportunities. If you have a particular career path in mind, our certificates of concentration will enhance your JD experience and allow you to master a specific practice area.

For general questions about the Certificate of Concentration Programs, contact the Office of Student Services at sacstudentaffairs@pacific.edu or 916.739.7089.

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Business Certificate of Concentration

The demands and complexities of a global economy require a strong basis in business law. To fulfill the Business Law Concentration, students complete a series of courses designed to equip new lawyers with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in legal careers with a business emphasis. The concentration is for students interested in pursuing a general business practice or a specialized business practice such as bankruptcy, corporate, commercial, employment, or real estate law, or international business law.

How to Apply

Apply by submitting the online application, which requires that you attach your resume. This application should be submitted at the earliest stages of your planning but, in no event, after the add/drop deadline of your final law-school term.

Requirements & Curriculum

Students must complete Business Associations and at least one core course and at least three elective courses. If a student completes more than one core course, any additional core course(s) will automatically apply toward the satisfaction of the requirement for elective courses. With the approval of the Director of the Business Law Concentration, a tax or business course of at least two units, whether domestic or international, not included on the list of elective courses may be substituted. A minimum of twelve units is required for the completion of the Business Law Concentration.

12 to 16 units are required for completion of Concentration

REQUIRED COURSE		
LAW 151	Business Associations	4
CORE COURSES (complete one) *If a student completes more than one Core Course, the additional course(s) will automatically be applied toward the satisfaction of the requirement for Elective Courses.		
LAW 210	Business Planning	2-3
LAW 220	Banking Law	3
LAW 225	Bankruptcy	2-3
LAW 255	Federal Securities Regulations	3
LAW 260	Commercial Law	3
LAW 300	Federal Income Taxation	3
LAW 310	Taxation of Business Entities	3
LAW 433	Employment Law	3
LAW 500	Administrative Law	3
LAW 555	Labor Law	3
LAW 625	International Business Transactions	3
ELECTIVE COURSES (complete three)		
LAW 214	Small Business Seminar	2
LAW 240	Insurance Law	2-3
LAW 257	Making Deals	2
LAW 280	U.S. Antitrust and International Competition Law	2
LAW 297	Sports Law	2-3
LAW 302	Estate and Gift Tax/Estate Planning	3
LAW 325	Taxation of Real Estate Transactions	3
LAW 340	Tax Practice and Procedure	2
LAW 375	U.S. Taxation of International Transactions	3
LAW 405	Worker's Compensation Law	2
LAW 410	White Collar Crime	2

LAW 503	Legislation and Statutory Interpretation	3
LAW 507	Environmental Law	3
LAW 560	Land Use Planning	2
LAW 586	Federal Indian Law	2-3
LAW 617	Practice and Business of Cannabis Law	2
LAW 630	International Banking	2
LAW 635	Transnational Litigation	3
LAW 647	International Economic Law	2
LAW 650	European Union Law	1-3
LAW 675	U.S. & International Sale of Goods	2
LAW 689	International Arbitration	3
LAW 699F	Cybersecurity Law & Policy	1-2

Choose only one of the following Intellectual Property Courses (2-3 units):

LAW 265	Copyright Law	
LAW 266	Patent Law	
LAW 275	Survey of Intellectual Property Law	
LAW 285	Trademark Law	
LAW 680	International Intellectual Property	

One Externship or Legal Clinic with a tax or business law focus (advance approval required) 2-4

Questions?

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Capital Lawyering Certificate of Concentration

Capital Lawyering Concentration students complete a series of required and elective courses specially designed to prepare them to work in the Capital arena. Graduates are employed in the California legislature, Governor's Office, in local, state and federal agencies, in private firms that specialize in political law or lobbying, in nonprofit agencies that engage in issue advocacy, and in law firms with regulatory practices in areas such as communications, energy, the environment, health, and employment. The curriculum ensures that students graduate with real-life experience and on-the-job contacts within the government, policy, and capital lawyering community. Students also participate in Capital Center student groups, attend Capital Center events, and network with Capital Center alumni.

How to Apply

Interested students should complete the online application, which includes your resume and a brief Personal Statement (minimum 200 words). Please submit your application as early as possible in your McGeorge career to best plan your course of study. In no case may applications be submitted or accepted after the Add/Drop Deadline of your final law school term. Students must schedule an appointment with the Capital Lawyering Concentration Director to plan their required curriculum and activities.

Requirements & Curriculum

Capital Lawyering students must complete a minimum of 14 units approved by the Capital Lawyering Concentration Director, comprised of required courses, an experiential learning course, and approved electives.

14 units minimum required for completion of Concentration

CORE COURSES (complete all)

LAW 517	Statutes and Regulations	3
LAW 576	Cap. Lawyering and Pol. Making	2

Experiential Course (complete one)

LAW 853	Legislative & Public Policy Clinic (Students are strongly encouraged to take Lawmaking in California prior to enrolling in the Legislative & Public Policy Clinic.- 1st Semester)	6
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Relevant Externship (approved by director)

LAW 954	Externship	
LAW 960	Externship-Semester in Practice Accelerated Honors Program	
LAW 961	Externship - Semester in Practice	

Note: Evening students with jobs that meet the requirements of the externship may receive a waiver of this requirement.

ELECTIVE COURSES

LAW 187	Law and Ethics in Government	2-3
LAW 209	Local Agency Practice	2
LAW 230	Water Resources Law	2-3
LAW 235	Environmental Practice	3
LAW 240	Insurance Law	2-3
LAW 304	Mental Health - Policy and Law	2
LAW 500	Administrative Law	3
LAW 503	Legislation and Statutory Interpretation	3
LAW 507	Environmental Law	3
LAW 550	Immigration Law and Policy	3
LAW 555	Labor Law	3
LAW 560	Land Use Planning	2
LAW 567	Election Law	2
LAW 568	California Initiative Seminar	2
LAW 580	Public Education Law	2-3
LAW 699F	Cybersecurity Law & Policy	1-2
LAW 699G	Information Privacy Law	2
LAW 699H	Race, Mass Incarceration & Criminal Justice Reform	3
LAW 699I	Leadership in Organizations	2
LAW 699J	Gaming Law and Regulation	1
LAW 699S	Reproductive Rights and Justice	1
LAW 701	Poverty Law	3
LAW 745	Elder Law and Social Policy	3
LAW 780	Sexual Orientation and Gender ID	2
LAW 802	Negotiation and Settlements Seminar	2
		or
		3
LAW 822	Lawmaking in California (Strongly recommended for students planning to take the Legislative and Public Policy Clinic.)	2
LAW 853	Legislative & Public Policy Clinic (2nd Semester)	3
LAW 922	Pacific Legislative Law Review	1
	Additional Clinic or Externship with a Capital Lawyering Focus	3

Questions?

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Elder and Health Certificate of Concentration

This concentration combines two dynamic and closely related areas of the law. Both legal areas are interdisciplinary and grounded in policy, legal compliance, and ethics. A legal practice in either broad area provides stimulating and rewarding work. As one of only four ABA Accredited Schools in California with a Health Law Concentration and only three in the nation with an Elder Law Concentration, the McGeorge Elder & Health Law Concentration provides students with a robust and relevant opportunity to focus their study on two of the most needed areas of practice now and in the future.

How to Apply

Apply by submitting the online application, which requires that you attach your resume and Statement of Purpose (at least 200 words on why you want to obtain the certificate of concentration and how it fits into your career goals). This application should be submitted at your earliest stages of planning, and in no case may be submitted after the Add/Drop Deadline of your final law school term. Students must schedule an appointment with the Faculty Director to plan their required curriculum and activities.

Requirements & Curriculum

Students must complete the core and elective courses designated below. Membership and participation in the McGeorge Health Law Association is encouraged. With prior written approval, the Certificate of Concentration Director may vary the requirements of this program in individual cases for good cause or depending on offerings in any year.

13 units minimum required for completion of Concentration

REQUIRED CORE COURSES (complete two courses)		
LAW 500	Administrative Law	3
LAW 570	Health Law	3
LAW 745	Elder Law and Social Policy	3
EXPERIENTIAL COURSES (complete one course)		
LAW 747	Elder & Health Law Clinic	1-3
LAW 954	Externship (approved by director)	3
ELECTIVE COURSES (complete five units)		
LAW 170	Wills and Trusts	3
LAW 302	Estate and Gift Tax/Estate Planning	3
LAW 304	Mental Health - Policy and Law	2
LAW 526	Mediation	3
LAW 528	Online Dispute Resolution	1
LAW 573	Bioethics and Public Health Law	1-3
LAW 699S	Reproductive Rights and Justice	1-2
LAW 802	Negotiation and Settlements Seminar	2
		or
		3
	Additional Clinic or Externship	3

Questions?

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Intellectual Property Certificate of Concentration

Intellectual property law is one of the most dynamic fields in the legal profession – for lawyers with and without undergraduate degrees in science. In order to meet the growing demand for lawyers in this area of practice, McGeorge offers courses in intellectual property law and a specialized curriculum leading to a J.D. degree with an Intellectual Property Concentration. Careers in Intellectual Property Law include: Patent Lawyer, Copyright Lawyer, Entertainment Lawyer, Trademark Lawyer, Intellectual Property Litigator, Media Lawyer, Trademark Examiner, Patent Examiner, In-house Counsel for movie studios and biotech, publishing, software, and Internet companies, or Artist's Representative.

How to Apply

Apply by submitting the online application, which requires that you attach your resume and Statement of Purpose (at least 200 words on why you want to obtain the certificate of concentration and how it fits into your career goals). This application should be submitted at your earliest stages of planning, and in no case may be submitted after the Add/Drop Deadline of your final law school term. Students must schedule an appointment with the Faculty Director to plan their required curriculum and activities. The Director has discretion to substitute core and elective courses.

Requirements & Curriculum

- Complete at least three (3) Core Courses
- Complete at least two (2) units of Elective Courses. Students who complete all four Core Courses may apply two (2) units towards their elective units.
- A minimum of 14 units are required to complete the Intellectual Property Certificate of Concentration.
- The Director has discretion to substitute core and elective courses.

14 units minimum required for completion of Concentration

CORE COURSES (complete at least three courses)		UNITS
LAW 265	Copyright Law	3
LAW 266	Patent Law	3
LAW 275	Survey of Intellectual Property Law	3
LAW 285	Trademark Law	2
ELECTIVE COURSES (complete two courses)		
LAW 267	Patent Prosecution	2
LAW 280	U.S. Antitrust and International Competition Law	2
LAW 290	Computer and Internet Law	3
LAW 297	Sports Law	2-3
LAW 680	International Intellectual Property	1-3

Questions?

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International Certificate of Concentration

Globalization is transforming the practice of law, obliging an increasing proportion of legal professionals to learn how to respond to the challenges presented by transnational and intercultural practice. McGeorge's International Certificate of Concentration offers a strong foundation for a broad array of careers, whether your interests draw you toward public service or the private sector, to work abroad or in California,

to litigation, transactions or a legislative/regulatory practice. Students who complete the certificate of concentration requirements will graduate with a solid grounding in public and private international law, in-depth exposure to at least one specialized doctrinal area, and advanced skills training that can help to provide a bridge to practice.

How to Apply

Apply by submitting the online application, which requires that you attach your resume and Statement of Purpose (at least 200 words on why you want to obtain the certificate of concentration and how it fits into your career goals). This application should be submitted at your earliest stages of planning, and in no case may be submitted after the Add/Drop Deadline of your final law school term. Students must schedule an appointment with the Faculty Director to plan their required curriculum and activities.

Requirements & Curriculum

Students must complete at least 11 units in the course categories designated below, including at least one capstone or experiential course or activity. With prior written approval, the Concentration Directors may vary the certificate requirements for good cause.

11 units minimum required for completion of Concentration

CORE COURSES (6 units minimum)		UNITS
LAW 600	Public International Law ¹	3
Plus at least one of the following courses		
LAW 625	International Business Transactions ^{1,2,3}	3
LAW 635	Transnational Litigation ^{1,2}	3
SPECIALIZED COURSES (minimum 5 units)		
LAW 280	U.S. Antitrust and International Competition Law	2
LAW 375	U.S. Taxation of International Transactions	3
LAW 550	Immigration Law and Policy ¹	3
LAW 608	International and Foreign Legal Research	1-2
LAW 614	International Protection of Human Rights	3
LAW 619	International Criminal Law ³	2-3
LAW 620	International Environmental Law	3
LAW 621	International Water Resources Law Seminar (Course qualifies for experiential or capstone credit.) ⁴	3
LAW 630	International Banking	2
LAW 631	International Negotiations (Course qualifies for experiential or capstone credit.) ⁴	2
LAW 647	International Economic Law	2
LAW 650	European Union Law ³	1-3
LAW 675	U.S. & International Sale of Goods	2
LAW 680	International Intellectual Property ³	1-3
LAW 689	International Arbitration (Course qualifies for experiential or capstone credit.) ⁴	3
LAW 692	Comparative Freedom of Expression (offered only at McGeorge's summer program in Salzburg, Austria.) ⁵	1
LAW 705	Introduction to Space Law	1
LAW 865	Immigration Clinic (Course qualifies for experiential or capstone credit.) ⁴	3
LAW 990	Directed Research	1-2

¹Courses are typically offered every academic year. Courses not so marked are typically offered once every two years.

²Courses are requirements of the McGeorge LLM in Transnational Business Practice.

³Courses will likely be taught by adjunct professors, including in some cases members of McGeorge's International Board of Advisors or faculty emeriti.

⁴Courses qualify for experiential or capstone credit.

⁵Courses are offered only at McGeorge's summer program in Salzburg, Austria.

Questions?

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Tax Certificate of Concentration

A basic understanding of the law of federal taxation is a valuable asset upon entering the legal profession. The Tax Law Concentration is intended to provide students with the opportunity to pursue a focused and integrated course of study of federal taxation. Graduates with the Tax Law Concentration find employment opportunities as tax, business, or estate planning specialists in private firms. Accounting firms, corporations, real estate entities, nonprofit organizations, and state and federal governmental agencies among others are also interested in graduates with a strong background in federal taxation.

How to Apply

Apply by submitting the online application, which requires that you attach your resume. This application should be submitted at the earliest stages of your planning but, in no event, after the add/drop deadline of your final law-school term.

Requirements & Curriculum

Students must complete the required core courses designated below. The balance of the required units must be selected from the elective list. With prior approval, one externship or legal clinic of at least 2 units and a tax focus may qualify. Twelve units are required for the completion of the Tax Law Concentration.

12 units minimum required for completion of Concentration

CORE COURSES (complete both courses)		UNITS
LAW 300	Federal Income Taxation	3
LAW 310	Taxation of Business Entities	3
ELECTIVE COURSES		
LAW 302	Estate and Gift Tax/Estate Planning	3
LAW 325	Taxation of Real Estate Transactions	3
LAW 340	Tax Practice and Procedure	2
LAW 375	U.S. Taxation of International Transactions	3
Externship with a tax focus (only one - advanced written approval required)		2+

Questions?

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Trial & Appellate Advocacy Certificate of Concentration

Students who wish to become litigators receive specialized practical training to prepare for careers in litigation, civil and/or criminal trial and appellate work, or dispute resolution. A wide range of courses enables students to learn and demonstrate competencies in writing, appellate and

trial advocacy, evidence, trial preparation and conduct, alternative dispute resolution, negotiation, and counseling and representation of clients.

How to Apply

Apply by submitting the online application (<https://www.mcgeorge.edu/Forms/Trial-and-Appellate-Advocacy-Certificate-of-Concentration-Form.html>), which requires that you attach your resume. This application should be submitted at your earliest stages of planning, and in no case may be submitted after the Add/Drop Deadline of your final law school term. The Faculty Director will schedule a meeting with the applicant if required.

Requirements & Curriculum

Students must complete the Core and required Elective Courses listed below. A minimum of 14 total credits is required, in addition to Evidence and GLS III, which are required of all students.

In addition to the one required Elective course from each of the three Elective categories below (Pretrial, ADR, and Capstone), which will total at least six (6) credits, the student may choose courses from any of the four Elective sections to accumulate the 14-credit minimum.

Note that not all courses are offered every year. Students should plan their curriculum with this in mind, checking the Academic Schedule for the coming year and for the year thereafter (see, e.g., the projection of courses for 2020-21 (pdf) (<https://www.mcgeorge.edu/documents/Academics/electives2020-2021.pdf>))¹

With prior written approval, the Concentration Director may vary the requirements of the program in individual cases for good cause.

14 units minimum required for completion of Concentration (plus GLS III and Evidence)

CORE COURSES		
LAW 136	Global Lawyering Skills III	3
LAW 812	Trial Advocacy & Evidence Skills (required)	3
	Clinic or Externship with a substantial litigation or ADR focus (advance written approval from the Concentration Director is required). Federal Pretrial/Trial Litigation Seminar, with its associated Clinic, may be used to meet both (a) the Clinic or Externship requirement and (b) either Pretrial Advocacy or Alternative Dispute Resolution. The student must complete both semesters.	3
ELECTIVE COURSES - PRETRIAL ADVOCACY (complete at least one course)		
LAW 804	Criminal Pretrial Litigation	2
LAW 809	Civil Pretrial Litigation	2
LAW 821	Taking and Defending Depositions	2
LAW 824	Written Discovery	2
LAW 895	Federal Pretrial/Trial Litigation Seminar	2
ELECTIVE COURSES - ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (complete one course)		
LAW 308	Art of Plea Bargaining	2
LAW 526	Mediation	3
LAW 631	International Negotiations	2
LAW 689	International Arbitration	3
LAW 802	Negotiation and Settlements Seminar	2
	or	3
LAW 826	Negotiating Disputes Into Deals	1
LAW 895	Federal Pretrial/Trial Litigation Seminar	2

LAW 909	Prisoner Civil Rights Mediation Clinic (May be used to meet both (a) the Clinic or Externship Requirement and (2) the Alternative Dispute Resolution requirement.)	3
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ELECTIVE COURSES - OTHER LITIGATION-RELATED (optional)

LAW 209	Local Agency Practice	2
LAW 400	Advanced Criminal Procedure	2
LAW 410	White Collar Crime	2
LAW 415	Criminal Law Defenses	2
LAW 433	Employment Law	3
LAW 635	Transnational Litigation	3
LAW 706	Persuasive Public Speaking	2
LAW 882	California Parole Hearings and Litigation	1
LAW 969	Mock Trial Evidence I and II	2

If a student finds a course added or returning to the Schedule that may qualify as an "Other Litigation-Related Elective" (e.g., Federal Courts), the student may apply to the Director for use of that course towards the Concentration requirements.

Questions?

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Water and Environmental Law Certificate of Concentration

McGeorge's water and environmental law curriculum addresses environmental responsibility and public needs within complex socio-ecological local, state, national, and international systems. Professional opportunities vary from advocacy to governance to regulatory compliance and beyond. This concentration provides McGeorge students with an opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, and perspectives necessary to pursue a career working in water and environmental law.

How to Apply

Apply by submitting the online application, which requires that you attach your resume and Statement of Purpose (at least 200 words on why you want to obtain the certificate of concentration and how it fits into your career goals). This application should be submitted at your earliest stages of planning, and in no case may be submitted after the Add/Drop Deadline of your final law school term. Students are encouraged to schedule an appointment with one of the Concentration Directors to plan their course selections, externships, and other activities.

Requirements & Curriculum

Students must complete three required and at least two elective courses as designated below for a minimum of 13 total units (nine required plus at least four elective units, including a capstone). Not every course will be offered every academic year so please plan carefully. Please contact the Concentration Directors if you need course planning assistance.

One of the courses that counts toward the 13 units must be a capstone course with a significant writing requirement. Capstone courses are designated by the Concentration Directors each academic year. For Directed Research, Externships for credit, or the Legislative & Public Policy Clinic, work must be focused on water or environmental issues and approved in advance by one of the Concentration Directors. Upon request and approval, the Concentration Directors may vary the requirements of this program for good cause.

13 units minimum required for completion of Concentration

CORE COURSES (complete all three)

LAW 230	Water Resources Law	3
LAW 500	Administrative Law	3
LAW 507	Environmental Law	3

ELECTIVE COURSES (complete one or more from this list)

LAW 235	Environmental Practice	3
LAW 509	Special Topics in Environmental Law (Ocean & Coastal Law)	2 or 3
LAW 510	Natural Resources Law	3
LAW 511	Climate Change Law & Policy	2
LAW 560	Land Use Planning	2
LAW 620	International Environmental Law	3
LAW 621	International Water Resources Law Seminar	3
LAW 990	Directed Research (Advance approval required)	1-2
Externship with an environmental or water law focus (Advance approval required; a maximum of three Externship units may be earned towards the elective courses requirement)		3

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVE COURSES (optional to complete up to one from this list)

LAW 209	Local Agency Practice	2
LAW 576	Cap. Lawyering and Pol. Making	2
LAW 853	Legislative & Public Policy Clinic	3

Questions?

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Directed Study

McGeorge is committed to the success of each student. We designed the Directed Study Program to bolster a student's command of and confidence in core legal skills, with the goal of increasing success in law school and paving the way to passing the bar exam.

Any student whose cumulative GPA, at the end of the first academic year, falls below 3.0 shall be placed in the Directed Study Program. Once placed in the Directed Study Program, a student will remain subject to its requirements even if in subsequent years the student is no longer has a cumulative GPA below 3.0. Students who have a cumulative GPA of 2.9 to 3.0 may petition the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs to be removed from Directed Study and students who have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 to 3.1 or higher may petition the Assistant Dean of Student Services to be included in some or all parts of Directed Study.

All students who qualify for Directed Study are required to participate in academic counseling with a representative from the Office of Student Services, each year.

The Directed Study requirements are as follows:

Three-Year JD Division

Second Year

LAW 190	Remedies	3
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Second or Third Year

LAW 151	Business Associations	4
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At least one of the following bar courses:

LAW 155	Community Property	2
LAW 165	Criminal Procedure	3
LAW 170	Wills and Trusts	3

Third Year

LAW 711	Practical Analysis, Strategies, & Skills (PASS) I	3
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Four-Year JD Division

Third Year

LAW 190	Remedies	3
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Third or Fourth Year, or any Summer

LAW 151	Business Associations	4
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At least one of the following bar courses:

LAW 155	Community Property	2
LAW 165	Criminal Procedure	3
LAW 170	Wills and Trusts	3

Fourth Year

LAW 711	Practical Analysis, Strategies, & Skills (PASS) I	3
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When Principles of Agency is offered, students who qualify for Directed Study and who have a cumulative GPA below a 2.5 at the end of the first academic year, must also take Principles of Agency during the fall semester of their second year.

Experiential Curriculum

As part of our commitment to teaching practical lawyering skills, all McGeorge students complete the Experiential Curriculum, which includes coursework where the focus is on learning by doing. Students learn to apply legal theory to practice, develop professional lawyering skills, and become reflective practitioners and lifelong learners.

Requirement

Students are required to complete two transformational capstone experiences: (1) McGeorge Legal Clinic or Externship for 3 units minimum, and (2) a second McGeorge Legal Clinic, Externship, Mock Trial, or Moot Court for 3 units minimum, and additional units of other experiential courses, including simulation courses, equaling 11 total units. (This rule is interpreted to mean students may count 6 or 7 units in the transformational capstone category, leaving 4 or 5 additional units in other experiential courses, which may include Legal Clinics, Externships, or simulations.)

Experiential courses include:

Legal Clinics:

LAW 747	Elder & Health Law Clinic	1-3
LAW 850	Homeless Advocacy Clinic	1-3
LAW 853	Legislative & Public Policy Clinic	3
LAW 859	Small Business Law Clinic	3
LAW 865	Immigration Clinic	1-3
LAW 874	Federal Defender Clinic	3
LAW 875	Bankruptcy Clinic	1-3
LAW 909	Prisoner Civil Rights Mediation Clinic	3

Externships:

LAW 954	Externship	3-4
LAW 956	Externship - Judicial	2-14
LAW 960	Externship-Semester in Practice Accelerated Honors Program	7
LAW 961	Externship - Semester in Practice	2-14

Mock Trial:

LAW 969	Mock Trial Evidence I and II	1
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Moot Court:

LAW 807	Advanced Appellate Advocacy Seminar	2
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Simulation and Practicum Courses:

LAW 136	Global Lawyering Skills III (Students who take both Global Lawyering Skills III and University of the Pacific Law Review Comment may count Global Lawyering Skills III towards the simulation section of the Experiential Curriculum requirement.)	3
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LAW 210	Business Planning	2-3
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LAW 211	Entrepreneurial Management	2
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LAW 235	Environmental Practice	3
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LAW 257	Making Deals	2
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LAW 266	Patent Law	3
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LAW 285	Trademark Law	2
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LAW 300	Federal Income Taxation	3
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LAW 308	Art of Plea Bargaining	1
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LAW 310	Taxation of Business Entities	3
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LAW 325	Taxation of Real Estate Transactions	3
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LAW 405	Worker's Compensation Law	2
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LAW 433	Employment Law	3
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LAW 440	Family Law	2-3
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LAW 526	Mediation	2-3
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LAW 528	Online Dispute Resolution	1
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LAW 560	Land Use Planning	2
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LAW 568	California Initiative Seminar	2
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LAW 608	International and Foreign Legal Research	1-2
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LAW 624	Legal Spanish for U.S. Lawyers	2
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LAW 625	International Business Transactions	3
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LAW 631	International Negotiations	2
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LAW 689	International Arbitration	3
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LAW 694	International Dispute Resolution	1
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LAW 699A	California Craft Beer Law	2
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LAW 699I	Leadership in Organizations	2
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LAW 699T	Law and Legal Technology	1-2
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LAW 706	Persuasive Public Speaking	1-2
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LAW 745	Elder Law and Social Policy	3
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LAW 800	Client Interviewing and Counseling	2
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LAW 802	Negotiation and Settlements Seminar	2
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LAW 803	Advanced Legal Research - Blended	2
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LAW 804	Criminal Pretrial Litigation	2-3
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LAW 809	Civil Pretrial Litigation	2
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LAW 812	Trial Advocacy & Evidence Skills	3
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LAW 815	Advanced Trial Advocacy	3
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LAW 821	Taking and Defending Depositions	2
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LAW 822	Lawmaking in California	2
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LAW 824	Written Discovery	2
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LAW 826	Negotiating Disputes Into Deals	1
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LAW 882	California Parole Hearings and Litigation	1
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LAW 979	Interviewing and Counseling Team	1
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Waiver for Four-Year JD Students

Students who work full-time (approximately 40 hours/week) during normal business hours may request a waiver of one of the Capstone requirements in the Experiential Curriculum. Waiver requests will be reviewed by the Assistant Dean of Student Services and granted for good cause only. Before this requirement will be waived, the student must demonstrate that they have made good faith efforts to find a creative way to fulfill this requirement. For example, there are a limited number of remote externships available to students who have full-time jobs. Remote externships provide an opportunity for hands-on legal work in non-business hours and may be a good fit for some students who are working full-time.

LAW 100	Skills Lab- Torts	1
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LAW 101	Contracts/Analytical Skills	4
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LAW 102	Assessment & Review - 1st Year	0
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LAW 104	The Legal Profession	1
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LAW 105	Civil Procedure	2-4
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LAW 110	Contracts	2-4
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LAW 113	History of McGeorge School of Law	3
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LAW 114	Legal Legal Legalese	3
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LAW 115	Criminal Law	2-4
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LAW 119	Structured Study Group	0
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LAW 125	Property	2-4
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LAW 131	Torts	2-4
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LAW 133	Accelerated Honors JD Program Seminar	1
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LAW 134	Global Lawyering Skills I	3
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LAW 135	Global Lawyering Skills II	3
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LAW 136	Global Lawyering Skills III	3
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LAW 151	Business Associations	4
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LAW 155	Community Property	2
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LAW 163	Constitutional Law	4
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LAW 165	Criminal Procedure	3
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LAW 170	Wills and Trusts	3
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LAW 174	Evidence	4
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LAW 185	Professional Responsibility	2
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LAW 187	Law and Ethics in Government	2-3
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LAW 190	Remedies	3
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LAW 200	Financial Literacy for Lawyers	2-3
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LAW 201	Introduction to Law for Public Administration	3
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LAW 209	Local Agency Practice	2
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LAW 210	Business Planning	2-3
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LAW 211	Entrepreneurial Management	2
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LAW 212	Intro. to Legal Analysis	2
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LAW 214	Small Business Seminar	2
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LAW 216	The Business of Lawyering	1
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LAW 217	Leadership in Organizations for Graduate Students	1
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LAW 218	Expert Evidence	2
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LAW 220	Banking Law	3
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LAW 224	Business Reorganization	2-3
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LAW 225	Bankruptcy	2-3
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LAW 227	Bankruptcy Pro Se Clinic	2-3
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LAW 230	Water Resources Law	2-3
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LAW 235	Environmental Practice	3	LAW 509	Special Topics in Environmental Law	2
LAW 240	Insurance Law	2-3			or
LAW 255	Federal Securities Regulations	3			3
LAW 257	Making Deals	2	LAW 510	Natural Resources Law	3
LAW 260	Commercial Law	3	LAW 511	Climate Change Law & Policy	2
LAW 261	Sales of Goods	3	LAW 513	California Lobbying & Politics	2
LAW 265	Copyright Law	2-3	LAW 513-O	Lobbying & Politics	3
LAW 266	Patent Law	2-3	LAW 515	Conflict of Laws	3
LAW 267	Patent Prosecution	2	LAW 516	Law of Armed Conflict	2
LAW 275	Survey of Intellectual Property Law	3	LAW 517	Statutes and Regulations	3
LAW 275-O	Survey of Intellectual Property Law	3	LAW 518	Public Authority in Use	2
LAW 280	U.S. Antitrust and International Competition Law	2	LAW 522	Contract Drafting	3
LAW 285	Trademark Law	2	LAW 523	State and Federal Taxation	3
LAW 290	Computer and Internet Law	2-3	LAW 526	Mediation	2-3
LAW 297	Sports Law	2-3	LAW 528	Online Dispute Resolution	1
LAW 299	Entertainment Law	1-2	LAW 530	Business Organizations	3
LAW 300	Federal Income Taxation	3	LAW 531	National Security: Counterterrorism	1-3
LAW 302	Estate and Gift Tax/Estate Planning	3	LAW 535	First Amendment Law	2-3
LAW 304	Mental Health - Policy and Law	2	LAW 542	Employment Discrimination Law	2-3
LAW 308	Art of Plea Bargaining	1	LAW 545	Federal Courts	3
		or	LAW 550	Immigration Law and Policy	3
		2	LAW 555	Labor Law	3
LAW 310	Taxation of Business Entities	3	LAW 560	Land Use Planning	2
LAW 325	Taxation of Real Estate Transactions	3	LAW 561	Representing Local Agencies	1
LAW 340	Tax Practice and Procedure	2	LAW 566	Public Agency Law	2
LAW 375	U.S. Taxation of International Transactions	3	LAW 567	Election Law	2
LAW 400	Advanced Criminal Procedure	2	LAW 567-O	Election Law - Online	3
LAW 405	Worker's Compensation Law	2	LAW 568	California Initiative Seminar	2
LAW 410	White Collar Crime	2	LAW 570	Health Law	3
LAW 415	Criminal Law Defenses	2	LAW 572	Public Health Law	3
LAW 420	Advanced Torts	2	LAW 573	Bioethics and Public Health Law	1-3
LAW 421	Guns and Tort Liability	1-2	LAW 576	Cap. Lawyering and Pol. Making	2
LAW 431	Artificial Intelligence and the Law	2	LAW 576-O	Government Law & Policymaking	3
LAW 433	Employment Law	3	LAW 580	Public Education Law	2-3
LAW 433-O	Employment Law - Online	3	LAW 583	Water & Environmental Justice	3
LAW 436	Beer Law	2	LAW 586	Federal Indian Law	2-3
LAW 437	Workplace Investigations	2	LAW 590	Animal Law	2
LAW 438	Defamation Law	1	LAW 600	Public International Law	3
LAW 439	US and Intl Arbitration	3	LAW 602	United Nations: Law and Practice	1-3
LAW 440	Family Law	2-3	LAW 608	International and Foreign Legal Research	1-2
LAW 442	Alternatives to Litigation in Family Law	2	LAW 614	International Protection of Human Rights	2-3
LAW 450	Juvenile Law	1	LAW 616	Marijuana Law and Drug Policy	2
LAW 451	Local Government and Housing Law	3	LAW 617	Practice and Business of Cannabis Law	2
LAW 452	Sports Law in Practice	1	LAW 619	International Criminal Law	1-3
LAW 453	Jury Selection	2-3	LAW 620	International Environmental Law	3
LAW 465	Federal Habeas Corpus	3	LAW 621	International Water Resources Law Seminar	2-3
LAW 490	Do Not Use - Unassigned	2	LAW 624	Legal Spanish for U.S. Lawyers	2
LAW 491	Do Not Use - Unassigned	2-3	LAW 625	International Business Transactions	3
LAW 500	Administrative Law	3	LAW 630	International Banking	2
LAW 502	The Executive Branch and the Administrative State	3	LAW 631	International Negotiations	2
LAW 503	Legislation and Statutory Interpretation	3	LAW 635	Transnational Litigation	3
LAW 505	Legislatures and Lawmaking	3	LAW 638	EU: Int'l Trade & External Relation	1
LAW 506	Law and Literature	1-2	LAW 647	International Economic Law	2
LAW 507	Environmental Law	3	LAW 650	European Union Law	1-3

LAW 654	European Union Law for International Business	1	LAW 747	Elder & Health Law Clinic	1-3
LAW 675	U.S. & International Sale of Goods	2	LAW 750	Women and the Law	2
LAW 676	International Labor Law	2-3	LAW 770	Critical Race Theory	2
LAW 680	International Intellectual Property	1-3	LAW 780	Sexual Orientation and Gender ID	2
LAW 688	Internship	1-12	LAW 800	Client Interviewing and Counseling	1-2
LAW 689	International Arbitration	2-3	LAW 801	Arbitration: Advocacy and Practice	1-3
LAW 690	Special Topics- International	1-3	LAW 802	Negotiation and Settlements Seminar	2
LAW 690A	International Law In Practice	1			or
LAW 690B	Hot Topics in European and International Company Law	1			3
LAW 692	Comparative Freedom of Expression	1	LAW 803	Advanced Legal Research - Blended	2
LAW 694	International Dispute Resolution	1	LAW 804	Criminal Pretrial Litigation	2-3
LAW 699	Special Topics	1-4	LAW 807	Advanced Appellate Advocacy Seminar	2
LAW 699AA	Legal Argumentation Seminar	2-3	LAW 809	Civil Pretrial Litigation	2
LAW 699AG	Negotiating Entertainment Contracts	1	LAW 812	Trial Advocacy & Evidence Skills	3
LAW 699AH	Juvenile Dependency Law	2-3	LAW 812L	Trial Advocacy & Evidence Skills.-Lecture	0
LAW 699AI	Doing Business in Europe: EU and International Law Essentials	1	LAW 815	Advanced Trial Advocacy	3
LAW 699AL	Race and the Law	2	LAW 821	Taking and Defending Depositions	2-3
LAW 699AM	Special Topics	1-4	LAW 822	Lawmaking in California	2
LAW 699B	Special Topics	1-4	LAW 824	Written Discovery	1-2
LAW 699BB	The Law of American Policing	1-2	LAW 826	Negotiating Disputes Into Deals	1
LAW 699C	Leading in the Law	1	LAW 850	Homeless Advocacy Clinic	1-3
LAW 699CC	Racial Justice and Equity Practicum	3-4	LAW 853	Legislative & Public Policy Clinic	3
LAW 699D	Special Topics	1-4	LAW 859	Small Business Law Clinic	3
LAW 699DD	Criminal Competency and Responsibility	2-3	LAW 865	Immigration Clinic	1-3
LAW 699EE	Expert Testimony Using Technology	2-3	LAW 874	Federal Defender Clinic	3
LAW 699F	Cybersecurity Law & Policy	1-2	LAW 875	Bankruptcy Clinic	1-3
LAW 699G	Information Privacy Law	1-2	LAW 882	California Parole Hearings and Litigation	1
LAW 699H	Race, Mass Incarceration & Criminal Justice Reform	3	LAW 895	Federal Pretrial/Trial Litigation Seminar	2
LAW 699I	Leadership in Organizations	2	LAW 904	Crime Victims Seminar	1
LAW 699J	Gaming Law and Regulation	1	LAW 909	Prisoner Civil Rights Mediation Clinic	3
LAW 699K	Law Teaching	2	LAW 920	Pacific Law Review - Editors	1-3
LAW 699L	Writing for Publication	2	LAW 921	Pacific Law Review - Staff	1-3
LAW 699M	Legal English	1	LAW 922	Pacific Legislative Law Review	1
LAW 699N	Disability Law	1-2	LAW 923	Law Review Seminar	1
LAW 699P	Democracy & the Rule of Law	1	LAW 954	Externship	3-4
LAW 699Q	Victims in Criminal Procedure	2	LAW 956	Externship - Judicial	2-14
LAW 699S	Reproductive Rights and Justice	1-2	LAW 957	Externship - Seminar	0
LAW 699T	Law and Legal Technology	1-2	LAW 960	Externship-Semester in Practice Accelerated Honors Program	7
LAW 699U	JSD Research Seminar	1	LAW 961	Externship - Semester in Practice	2-14
LAW 699V	Settling International Disputes: The Global Trend	1	LAW 969	Mock Trial Evidence I and II	2
LAW 699X	Negotiations	3	LAW 979	Interviewing and Counseling Team	1
LAW 699Y	Implicit Bias and the Law: Modern Forms of Discrimination	2	LAW 980	LLM Legal Research, Writing and Analysis	2
LAW 700	American Legal History Seminar	2-3	LAW 982	Negotiations Competition Team	1
LAW 701	Poverty Law	3	LAW 986	Dissertation	12
LAW 702	Street Law International	3	LAW 989	Master's Thesis	6
LAW 705	Introduction to Space Law	1-2	LAW 990	Directed Research	1-2
LAW 706	Persuasive Public Speaking	1-2	LAW 991	Directed Research, Graduate Level	1-3
LAW 711	Practical Analysis, Strategies, & Skills (PASS) I	3	LAW 995	Visiting Program/Off Campus	17
LAW 712	Practical Analysis, Strategies, & Skills (PASS) II	3			
LAW 745	Elder Law and Social Policy	3			