

Course Selection Guide

Juvenile and Family Law

What should I take next year?

Summer 2007 Offering

Spanish for Family
Lawyers (2 credits)

Fall Offerings

Family Law (3 credits)
Juvenile Justice (2)
Immigration (3)
Refugee & Asylum Law (2)

Spring Offerings

Education Law (3 credits)
Domestic Violence (3)

Clinics (Year Long)

Juvenile Clinic (4/sem)
Indian Law Clinic (4/sem)*
Civil Clinic (4/sem)*
*These clinics may involve
some family law cases.

In addition, we suggest the following electives (*if they are offered*): Accounting for Lawyers, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Bankruptcy, Estate Planning, Health Law, Human Rights, Gender Work and Family, Mediation, Negotiation, Poverty Law, Sexuality and the Law, Wills and Trusts.

What are the graduation requirements I need to meet?

Legal Ethics (3 credits) – must be taken 2L year

Evidence (3 credits) – must be taken 2L year

Seminars (2-3 credits) – One seminar required.

Practice classes (2-4 credits) – One class required.

Please Note:

- No more than 14 of your 89 hours may be in courses designated as practice courses. These courses presently include all clinical courses (Legal Aid Clinics, American Indian Law Clinic, Appellate Advocacy Clinic, Federal Clinic, Natural Resource Litigation Clinic), Trial Advocacy courses (Trial Advocacy, Trial Practice, Advanced Trial Advocacy, and Motions Advocacy), and Law Practice Management.
- No more than 8 of your 89 hours may be for work on the Law Review or either Journal or for appellate and trial competitions.
- No more than 6 of your 89 hours may be for non-law courses.
- No more than 4 hours of externships, except if you have petitioned successfully to allow for 7 total credit hours.

What other options do I have?

- Intersession Trial Advocacy: This class takes place the week before school starts up again in January. It is a one week intensive trial advocacy class. If you would like to take this, make sure you register for it in the spring registration.
- Externships: If you would like to work with a firm, judge, nonprofit, etc... throughout the school year, it is possible to get externship credit. 4 credits are available to students (you may petition for up to 7). You will need to set up the externship before the semester begins, as there is paperwork required. See <http://www.colorado.edu/law/externships/> for more information and all the forms.

- Law Review: Most applications are passed out in the spring just after finals. Some journals allow earlier applications. You should receive more information from the journals as it gets closer to the end of spring semester.
- Non-Law Classes: You may take 6 credits in non-law classes. You will need to fill out a petition for these classes as there are special requirements to receive credit. Please speak with Cindy Gibbons if you have questions.
- Trial Competitions: Information about trial competitions is available in the fall. Typically students who are accepted onto a trial competition team will be able to get 1 credit for their work. Competitions include: Rothgerber, Carrigan, Environmental Law, Family Law, Hispanic Law, International Law, Native American Law, and Telecom Law.

What Else Should I Take?

Several classes may be helpful as a foundation for your law studies and bar prep. Consider taking the following classes: Administrative Law, Agency, First Amendment, Wills and Trusts, and/or Corporations.

Summer Jobs and Externships: Where do I look?

There are many ways to find summer positions or externship positions during the school year. For example:

1. JFLP Mentoring Sessions with Professors Robinson and Huntington
2. JFLP Student Resource Book
3. CDOnline
4. Career Services

For more information see

<http://www.colorado.edu/law/academics/index.htm>