

Experiential Learning Courses FAQ

Legal Clinics	Number of Credits	Timeframe	711 Required	Interview Required	Accepts JD Evening Students	Field clinic/in-house/on-site clinic	Estimated outside-of-class work per week (in hours)	Subject Matter	Skills Gained
Asylum & Refugee	3 (+6 in spring)	Two Semester	No	Yes	Yes	In-house	10-15 for 3 credits; 20-25 for 6 credits	US immigration law and practice, with a particular focus on US asylum law.	Prepare defenses to deportation or applications for relief including immigration applications and supporting documents; interview and counsel clients; work with experts; research human rights issues and U.S. substantive and procedural law; draft affidavits and legal arguments; and develop trial skills and other public presentation skills.
Business Law	4(+4 in spring)	Two Semester	No	No	No	In-house	A minimum of 8, although the hours requirements will increase or decrease each week depending on client needs.	Counsel to small and mid-size businesses, including entrepreneurs from the Business School's Coleman Entrepreneurship Center.	Transactional, including contract drafting, in-person and written client counseling, business law legal research and analysis; general business and corporate law.
Civil Litigation	3	One Semester	No	No	Yes	In-house	5-10	Eviction and employment lawsuits; administrative hearings; consumer law and breach of contract lawsuits.	Interview clients and witnesses, draft and analyze pleadings, discovery requests, discovery responses, and motions, and will engage in settlement negotiations, and trial work.
Civil Rights Field Clinic	4(+4 in spring)	Two Semester	Yes	No	Yes	Field Clinic	5-10	Police or prison misconduct as well other claims involving race, gender, sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination.	Interview plaintiffs, witnesses and potential new clients; develop the theory of a case; research and draft legal briefs, motions and written discovery; take and defend depositions; find and work with expert witnesses; and attend court appearances, hearings and trial.
Criminal Appeals	3	One Semester	No	No	Yes	In-house	5-10	Criminal Defense	Review the record from trial; confer with the client; research the law to provide support for their theories; and draft and file a brief.
Immigration Law	3	One Semester	No	Yes	Yes	In-house	10-15	US Immigration Law	Interview clients; assess eligibility for immigration benefits; prepare applications and supporting documents; counsel clients on options; prepare substantive law training for community-based organizations
Misdemeanor	4	One Semester	Yes	No	Yes	In-house	5-10	Criminal Defense	Client interview; client education and advice at different stages of the case; all aspects of motion and trial preparation; case-specific legal research, investigation techniques and strategies; witness preparation; negotiation with the government; and preparation for a bench or jury trial.
Technology and Intellectual Property (TIP®) Field Clinic	2 (+2 with seminar)	One Semester	No	No	Yes	Field Clinic	5-10	Transactional services in the areas of patent, trademark and copyright law, internet, data protection and privacy.	Conduct client interviews, research facts and law, counsel clients, draft communications to clients and to third parties, and strategize how to achieve the clients' goals.

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