

## **SUBJECT AREA CONCENTRATIONS**

In the spring of 2008, the Law Faculty approved an optional concentration program for law students wishing to develop a level of specialization in a given area of law. Under this program, a student may elect to pursue a concentration in a selected area by completing the requirements outlined below. If you are interested in pursuing a concentration, you should complete a form at the Student Records Office to make that election. You may make an election to pursue a concentration at any time after the completion of your first year if full time or your second year if part-time and the start of your last semester of study.

Students participating in the concentration program must have a minimum average of 80 for courses within the concentration, calculated at the completion of the coursework for the concentration. First-year required courses are exempt from this minimum average requirement. Once the concentration requirements have been successfully met, the student's transcript will bear a notation that a concentration in the specified area of law has been completed. The student's diploma will not bear a notation marking the concentration nor will there be a separate certificate documenting the concentration.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Not all of the courses listed in the requirements below are offered every year and there is no guarantee that the schedule of courses offered in a given year will permit successful completion of the concentration by all students who wish to participate. Note especially, that almost all of the concentrations require the completion of a limited enrolment capstone course, typically a Qualifying Writing Course or a Clinic. These capstone courses are usually over-subscribed and there is no special priority for a seat in those classes based on a student's expressed interest in pursuing a concentration.

### **Concentration in Criminal Law:**

Required Courses:

Evidence  
Criminal Procedure: Investigation  
Criminal Procedure: Adjudication

Note: Student must successfully complete Criminal Law as a prerequisite for this concentration.

Additional Courses: student must select at least two of these courses:

Advanced Evidence  
Post Conviction Rights and Procedures  
Federal Criminal Law  
White Collar Crime

Juvenile Justice  
Law and Terrorism  
International Criminal Justice  
Forensic Evidence

Practice Component: student must take at least one of the following:

Criminal Law Clinic  
Criminal Procedure Simulation QWC  
Criminal Appellate Advocacy QWC

**Concentration in Business Law:**

Required Courses:

Business Organizations  
Income Tax I  
Income Tax II

Additional Courses: students must select from the following courses as necessary to comprise at least 18 total credits of coursework in the concentration, at least two courses must be selected from the “Core Courses” list:

Core Courses

Accounting for Lawyers  
Business and Estate Planning  
Business Planning  
Corporate Finance  
Corporate Tax  
Drafting Business Contracts  
Employment Discrimination  
International Business Transactions  
Negotiation, Mediation and Arbitration  
Sales  
Secured Transactions  
Trademark Law

Additional Elective Courses:

Antitrust  
Bankruptcy  
Consumer Protection  
Copyright  
Franchise Law

Insurance Law  
Labor Law  
Labor Law Arbitration  
Land Finance and Transfer  
Landlord and Tenant  
Mergers and Acquisitions  
Non-Profit Law  
Patent Law  
Payment Systems  
Regulation of Financial Services  
Securities Regulation  
White Collar Crime

Practice Component: student must complete one of the following:

Small Business Clinic

Externship pre-approved by concentration faculty supervisor as related to entrepreneurship

Students must also complete one significant piece of writing in the area. The writing may be satisfied as part of an offered course in the concentration or through an independent study

**Concentration in Estate Planning:**

Required Courses:

Income Tax I

Estate & Gift Tax

Trusts & Estates

Note: Student must successfully complete Property as a prerequisite for this concentration.

Additional Courses: student must select at least two of these courses:

Income Tax II

Corporate Tax

Business & Estate Planning

Federal Litigation: Pension Rights

Elder Law

Employee Benefits Law

Non-profit Law

Federal Tax Practice & Procedure

Business Courses:

Secured Transactions

Sales

Payment Systems  
Bankruptcy  
Business Planning  
Drafting Business Contracts

Practice Component:

Estate Planning QWC

\*Note: In the case of extraordinary circumstances and undue hardship, the Associate Dean, in consultation with the Concentration Advisor may propose an alternative means of satisfying the Practice Component.

### **Concentration in International and Comparative Law:**

Required Courses:

International Law

Additional Courses: Student must select any of the following courses, as necessary to comprise at least 18 total credits of coursework in the concentration:

Comparative Constitutional Law  
Conflict of Laws  
Corporate Social Responsibility  
European Union Law  
International Business Transactions  
International Criminal Justice  
International Environmental Law  
International Human Rights  
Islamic Law and Jurisprudence  
Law and Terrorism

Practice Component: student must complete at least one of the following:

Externship/Internship (An externship or internship need not be in a different country, but must involve a significant amount of work related to international or comparative issues; must be pre-approved by academic dean in consultation with concentration faculty supervisor)

Study Abroad (must be pre-approved by Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and concentration faculty supervisor)

Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

Student must complete at least one significant piece of legal writing in the area.

Writing requirement may be completed as part of an offered course in the concentration or through an independent study.

## **Concentration in Public Interest Law:**

Required Courses:

Administrative Law

Note: Student must successfully complete Constitutional Law as a prerequisite for this Concentration.

Additional Courses: student must select any of the following courses as necessary to comprise at least 18 total credits of coursework in the concentration:

American Legal History

Bioethics

Business Planning: Forming a Nonprofit Corporation

Civil Rights

Comparative Constitutional Law

Consumer Protection

Constitutional History

Critical Race Theory

Employment Discrimination

Federal Courts and Jurisdiction

First Amendment Rights

Immigration Law

International Human Rights

Interviewing, Counseling & Negotiation

Jurisprudence

Juvenile Justice

Government Provision of Health Care

Labor Law

Landlord & Tenant

Law and Education

Law and Terrorism

Non-Profit Law

Public Interest Seminar

Poverty Law

Race and the Law

Religion & the Constitution

Remedies: Injunctions

Representing Children

Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and the Law

The Supreme Court

Practice Component:

Clinical Externship: Public Interest

Consumer Protection Clinic  
First Amendment Moot Court  
Frederick Douglass Moot Court  
Legal Services Clinic  
Negotiation, Mediation & Arbitration  
Negotiation Competition  
60 hours of faculty-approved legal pro bono work (placement must be approved by concentration advisor)  
Federal Litigation QWC

Student must complete at least one significant piece of legal writing in the area. Writing requirement may be satisfied as part of an offered course in the concentration or through an independent study.

**Concentration in Real Estate:**

Required Courses:

Income Tax I  
Income Tax II  
Land Use  
Land Finance and Transfer

Note: Student must successfully complete Property as a prerequisite for this concentration.

Additional Courses: students must select at least two of these courses:

Bankruptcy  
Conveyancing  
Landlord Tenant  
Estate Planning  
Real Estate Development  
Secured Transactions  
Environmental Law  
Drafting Contracts

Practice Component:

Real Estate Practicum