PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CERTIFICATE, LAW (JD)

To earn a Certificate in Public Interest Law, a student must complete the 86 credit hours required for the Juris Doctor degree and satisfy all JD requirements.

Within the course work required for the JD, a student must complete at least 15 credit hours from the approved list of public interest law courses and complete the Service in Public Interest Law requirement, as listed below.

An applicant must earn a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the Certificate courses. If a student takes more than 15 hours of courses from the approved list, all grades earned in those courses will be factored into the minimum 3.0 GPA requirement for the Certificate.

Previously taught courses, courses offered in other DePaul Colleges, and new courses and seminars that may be added to the curriculum may qualify for the Certificate with approval.

Students may apply for only one Certificate.

For more information, contact Certificate Director for Public Interest Law, Shaye Loughlin.

Foundations of Public Interest Law

Course	Title	Semester Hours
Select at least one of the following courses:		3
LAW 412	FEDERAL COURTS	
LAW 477	FIRST AMENDMENT: FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND RELIGION	
LAW 503	CIVIL RIGHTS	
LAW 508	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW	
LAW 518	CRIMINAL PROCEDURE I: INVESTIGATION	
LAW 521	LEGISLATION AND STATUTORY INTERPRETATION	

Students may take the remainder of their courses from the following:

Legal Aid

Course	Title	Semester Hours
LAW 202	EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION	
LAW 213	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PRACTICUM	
LAW 250	SENIOR RESEARCH SEMINAR (approved topic)	
LAW 359	EMPLOYMENT LAW	
LAW 363	RESTORATIVE JUSTICE	
LAW 367	ANIMAL LAW	
LAW 422	INTERNATIONAL LAW	
LAW 449	PREDATORY LENDING	
LAW 487	HOUSING LAW	
LAW 497	CONSUMER PROTECTION	
LAW 501	RACE, RACISM AND UNITED STATES LAW	
LAW 516	IMMIGRATION LAW AND POLICY	
LAW 517	ASYLUM AND REFUGEE LAW AND POLICY	
LAW 523	MISSION-BASED LAWYERING: LEGAL PRACTICE IN THE NON-PROFIT SECTOR	
LAW 546	POVERTY LAW	
LAW 561	COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
LAW 702	ELDER LAW	

Criminal Law

Course	Title	Semester Hours
LAW 250	SENIOR RESEARCH SEMINAR (Crimmigration: Immigration and Criminal Law; Sexual Trafficking; or other approved topic)	
LAW 313	JUVENILE JUSTICE	
LAW 319	PROSECUTING & DEFENDING CRIMINAL CASES	
LAW 363	RESTORATIVE JUSTICE	
LAW 410	EVIDENCE	
LAW 507	FEDERAL CRIMINAL LAW	
LAW 513	INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW	
LAW 518	CRIMINAL PROCEDURE I: INVESTIGATION	
LAW 557	CRIMINAL PROCEDURE II: ADJUDICATION	

Civil Rights & Public Policy

Course	Title	Semester Hours
LAW 206	SEX, GENDER, AND THE LAW	
LAW 232	CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE & THE LAW	
LAW 233	SOCIAL JUSTICE AND JEWISH LEGAL TRADITION	
LAW 250	SENIOR RESEARCH SEMINAR (Critical Race Theory; Feminist Jurisprudence; or other approved topic)	
LAW 258	WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW	
LAW 286	INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW PRACTICUM	
LAW 301	SPECIAL TOPICS IN LAW (2nd Amendment Culture; Human Rights in Latin America; Reproduction & the Law; other approved topic)	
LAW 335	PRIVACY LAW	
LAW 367	ANIMAL LAW	
LAW 371	LAW & CLIMATE CHANGE	
LAW 372	ELECTION LAW	
LAW 417	LABOR LAW	
LAW 422	INTERNATIONAL LAW	
LAW 444	ENVIRONMENTAL LAW	
LAW 487	HOUSING LAW	
LAW 501	RACE, RACISM AND UNITED STATES LAW	
LAW 502	HATE CRIME LAW	
LAW 503	CIVIL RIGHTS	
LAW 709	HEALTH EQUITY AND THE LAW	

Service in Public Interest Law

Students must satisfy both of the following experiences:

1. One semester in a public service-oriented clinic (Asylum & Immigration, Advanced Asylum & Immigration, Civil Litigation & Health Law, Criminal Appeals, Advanced Criminal Appeals, Croak Community Legal Clinics), field clinic (Civil Rights or Family Law), or extern program (approved placement) and
2. 50 hours of service through the Pro Bono Community Service Initiative.