



REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

A. INTRODUCTION

Santa Clara Law students may earn a Certificate in Public Interest and Social Justice Law upon graduation, allowing them to serve community needs for social justice while studying law. The Center for Social Justice and Public Service administers this Certificate Program and is responsible for decisions relating to it.

Students may elect to earn a general certificate or a certificate with an emphasis in criminal justice, immigration law, or environmental justice. To earn the certificate, students must complete Public Interest and Social Justice Law Certificate Requirements in three categories:

- Academic
- Practicum
- Public service.

These requirements are described below.

Deadline to Apply for Certificate Students getting ready to graduate must submit the application to the Center for Social Justice and Public Service by February 28 of their graduation year for May graduates or November 18 of their graduation year for December graduates.

A. Requirements for the General Social Justice Certificate.

1. Academic Course work. 15 units, at least 8 from List A (Core Courses) and the remainder from either List A or List B below. Students may also petition to have courses not included in List A or B count towards the coursework requirement, if those courses satisfy the goal of learning more about the use of law and the legal system to aid those marginalized, subordinated, and underrepresented clients and causes.

2. Practicum. 150 hours of supervised legal work in a public interest/social justice organization, including law school clinics and externships. The work may be paid, volunteer, or for academic credit. However, the work cannot satisfy both the practicum requirement and the

pro bono requirement. If the work is not done for unit credit, the supervisor must sign the completion form, verifying completion of the hours.

3. Public Service. 50 hours¹ of community volunteer work promoting public interest and social justice as defined by the Pro Bono Recognition Program. LSO work does not generally count towards this requirement. The supervisor must sign the completion form, verifying the pro bono hours.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COURSES FOR THE GENERAL CERTIFICATE (15 units required; at least 8 from List A, remainder from List A or B) Please note that not all course are offered each semester.	
Core Courses (List A)	Additional Courses (List B)
Law 268 Law and Social Justice Law Law 408 Public Interest and Social Justice Practice Law 267 Social Justice Workshop Law 505 Northern California Innocence Project(as a full year program this will count as 6 units) Law 515 Northern California Innocence Project Advanced Practice Clinic Law 511 KGACLC Com Law Practice: Civil Clinical Skills I Law 481 KGACLC Com Law Practice: Civil Clinical Skills II Law 458 KGACLC Consumer and Debtors' Rights Interviewing and Advising Law 468/469 KGACLC: Immigration Law Interviewing and Advising Law 463 KGACLC: Workers' Rights Interviewing and Advising Law 591 Criminal Justice Internship and Seminar Law 590 Civil Practice Internship and Seminar Law 727A International Human Rights Clinic A Law 727B International Human Rights Clinic B Law 403 Children and the Law Seminar Law 231 Consumer Protection	Law 207 Administrative Law Law 446A Advanced Criminal Law Law 311 Advanced Criminal Procedure Law 209 Advanced Immigration Law Law 540 Advanced Torts Law 562 Arbitration Law and Practice Law 525 Assisted Reproduction, Cloning and Genetic Engineering Law 504 California Civil Procedure Law 452 California Post-Conviction Procedures Law 669 Climate Change: Legal Institutional Responses Law 438 Comparative Law Seminar Law 426 Constitutional Law Seminar (SCOTUS Seminar) Law 265 Consumer Mini-Course Law 260 Debtors' and Creditors' Rights Law 415 Drug Abuse Law Seminar Law 239 Employment Law Law 444 Energy resources law Law 414 Environmental Law Seminar Law 288 Environmental Protection Law Law 291 Family Law Law 322 Federal Courts and Jurisdiction Law 527 Health Law 1: Patient, Providers and Payers Law 524 Health Law 2: Health Care Regulation and Finance Law 418A Health Law Seminar

<p>Law 437 Contemporary Legal Theory Seminar: Current Topics in Employment Law Law 364 Criminal Law and Policy Law 333 Critical Race Theory Law 350 Disability Law Law 401 Domestic Violence Seminar Law 238 Employment Discrimination Law 239 Employment Law Law 434 Gender and Law Law 418 Health Law Seminar: Abortion and Reproductive Justice Law 304 Housing Discrimination Law 212 Immigration Law Law 402 Juvenile Court Law Seminar Law 268 Law and Social Justice Seminar Law 317 Race and Law Law 315 Sexuality and the Law</p>	<p>Law 440 International Human Rights Theory and Practice Law 215 International Law Law 601 International Dispute Resolution Law 608 International Environmental Law Law 218 International Organizations Seminar Law 341 Islamic Law Law 531 Juvenile Justice Topics: Leadership Training Law 286 Land Use Law 534 Law and Behavioralism Law 542 Law of Nonprofit Organizations Law 204 Legal Aspects of War Law 347 Litigating International Human Rights Law 398 Moot Court (topic must be approved by the director and must cover a public interest and social justice topic) Law 410 Privacy Law Seminar Law 344 The Prison System Law 499 Understanding Capital Punishment Law Law 346 Wrongful Convictions Law 530 Sentencing Seminar Law 609 Statutory Analysis Law 426 Supreme Court Seminar or Constitutional Law SCOTUS seminar Study Abroad: Geneva-Strasbourg International Human Rights Courses Study Abroad: The Hague, The Netherlands Seminar in International Criminal Justice Study Abroad: Costa Rica Public Interest and Social Justice Skills Courses Please note that each course is not necessarily offered each year. Law 331 Advanced Trial Techniques Law 300 Alternative Dispute Resolution Law 532 Juvenile Justice Topics: Practical Applications Law 469 KGACLC Immigration Interviewing and Advising Law 521 Leadership for Lawyers Law 602 Mediation: Theory and Practice Law 327 Negotiating Law 791 Pretrial Litigation Techniques</p>
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	Law 325 Trial Techniques Tax Policy and Social Justice Public Interest and Social Justice Practicum Environmental Law in a Practice Setting

C. PUBLIC INTEREST AND SOCIAL JUSTICE LAW CERTIFICATE WITH EMPHASIS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

This certificate is appropriate for students who wish to practice in the area of criminal justice as a prosecutor or defense counsel. Students must successfully complete the following classes required for all J.D. candidates: Criminal Law (Law 106) and Evidence (Law 311). Students must also complete:

- At least four units in advanced criminal law coursework, such as Criminal Procedure Investigation, Advanced Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure Adjudication, and Immigration Law and Crimes.
- An additional four units of coursework under List A above;
- Enough additional elective units under List A or B to reach a total of 16 units;
- 150 hours of practicum work in the area of criminal justice, such as the Northern California Innocence Project or an externship with a district attorney or public defender’s office; and
- 50 hours of volunteer work, preferably in a criminal justice setting.

D. PUBLIC INTEREST AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CERTIFICATE WITH EMPHASIS IN IMMIGRATION LAW

This certificate is appropriate for students who wish to practice in the area of immigration law in a range of professions, including representing of noncitizens before DHS-Citizenship and Immigration Services or the Immigration Courts, as government counsel with the Department of Homeland Security, as a prosecutor or defense counsel in criminal cases, or for an international organization assisting refugees and displaced persons. Students must successfully complete Constitutional Law II (Law 201). Students must also complete:

- At least four units of Immigration Law coursework, which must include Immigration Law (Law 212) and at least one of the following courses: Refugee Law, Immigration Law and Crimes, or Business Immigration Law.

- An additional four units of coursework under List A above;
- Enough additional elective units under List A or B to reach a total of 16 units;
- 150 hours of practicum work in the area of immigration law, such as the KGACLC Immigration Law clinics, the Immigration Appellate Practice clinic, or an externship with a government or non-governmental law office working in the area of immigration law; and
- 50 hours of volunteer work, preferably in an immigration setting.

E. PUBLIC INTEREST AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CERTIFICATE WITH AN EMPHASIS IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

This certificate is appropriate for students who wish to practice in a range of professions in the area of Environmental Law, including working for state, federal, or international agencies or representing individuals, public entities, and private entities in the area of environmental justice. Students must successfully complete:

- At least four units in Environmental Justice, which must include Environmental Protection Law (Law 277), and at least one of the following courses: International Environmental Law (Law 608), Land Use (Law 286), or Energy Resources Law (Law 444);
- An additional four units of coursework under List A above;
- Enough additional elective units under List A or B to reach a total of 16 units;
- 150 hours of practicum work in the area of Environmental Justice, including an externship in the area of Environmental Justice or the International Human Rights Law Clinic, to the extent that assigned work in the clinic involves Environmental Justice;
- 50 hours of volunteer work, preferably in an Environmental Justice setting.