

Advocacy Skills Certificate

Students who want to hone their skills in trial settings can earn the Advocacy Skills Certificate. By completing the certificate requirements, students gain a solid grounding in all aspects of litigation, while gaining hands-on experience through a related clinic or field placement.

The Advocacy Skills Certificate is available to concurrently enrolled KU Law J.D. students.

Effective advocacy requires a solid grounding in all aspects of litigation — planning the lawsuit, pretrial practices and procedures, trial advocacy, and post-trial matters — and in alternative forms of dispute resolution. This certificate program provides the means for students to develop basic knowledge and skills in effective advocacy.

Required Courses:

Code	Title	Hours
LAW 992	Trial Advocacy	3
LAW 908	Evidence	3

Elective Courses (five of the following):

Code	Title	Hours
LAW 850	Administrative Law	3
LAW 852	Advanced Criminal Procedure	3
LAW 857	Advanced Litigation	3
LAW 860	Alternative Dispute Resolution	2-3
LAW 871	Capital Punishment	2-3
LAW 886	Civil Rights Actions	2-3
LAW 872	Commercial Arbitration	3
LAW 902	Complex Litigation (Non-Writing)	3
LAW 881	Conflict of Laws	2-3
LAW 838	Criminal Practice in Kansas	2-3
LAW 878	Criminal Procedure	3
LAW 859	Deposition Skills Workshop	2
LAW 899	Electronic Discovery I	2
LAW 910	Federal Courts and the Federal System	3
LAW 929	International Law Moot Court Competition	2
LAW 845	Jurisdiction	2-4
LAW 935	Juvenile Law	2
LAW 840	Kansas Supreme Court Research Practicum	3
LAW 949	Mock Trial Competition	1
LAW 962	Mock Trial Council	1-3
LAW 960	Moot Court Competition	1
LAW 961	Moot Court Council	1
LAW 964	National/International Moot Court Competitions:	1-2
LAW 970	Pretrial Advocacy	3
LAW 928	Remedies	2-3
LAW 969	State Court Practice	3

Clinical/Field Placement Requirement (one of the following):

Code	Title	Hours
LAW 890	Criminal Prosecution Field Placement Program	1-6
LAW 901	Elder Law Field Placement Program	2-6
LAW 894	Field Placement Program	1-6
LAW 933	Judicial Field Placement Program	3
LAW 952	Legal Aid Clinic	2.5-6
LAW 895	Project for Innocence and Post-Conviction Remedies	3