

Social Justice Certificate

Social justice lawyers give voice in the legal system to underrepresented clients and causes. The Social Justice Certificate is ideal for students interested in societal inequality and power differentials, particularly as these relate to class and economics, identity and rights, and the political process.

The certificate program allows students to deepen their knowledge and expand expertise in areas that intersect with social justice and prepares students for a career that aligns with their values. Hands-on work is an important component of the certificate program.

Experiential Component: Every student in the concentration must complete one of the following experiential courses:

Code	Title	Hours
LAW 894	Field Placement Program (Placement must be with an organization focused on social justice. Requires director approval.)	1-6
LAW 952	Legal Aid Clinic	2.5-6
LAW 895	Project for Innocence and Post-Conviction Remedies	3

Course Component: Students must complete 6 courses from the list of courses below, or otherwise approved by the certificate director:

Code	Title	Hours
LAW 850	Administrative Law	3
LAW 978	Asylum and Refugee Law	2
LAW 833	Advanced Legal Aid Clinic	1-3
LAW 886	Civil Rights Actions	2-3
LAW 903	Employment Discrimination Law	3
LAW 904	Environmental Law Seminar (Environmental Justice)	2-3
LAW 914	Federal Indian Law	3
LAW 876	Feminist Jurisprudence	2-3
LAW 924	Independent Research (related to social justice)	1-2
LAW 935	Juvenile Law	2
LAW 982	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) Seminar	2-3
LAW 805	Mass Incarceration	2-3
LAW 965	Nonprofit and Tax-Exempt Organizations	1-2
LAW 994	Special Topics: _____ (Social Justice Lawyering; Sexual Orientation & the Law)	1-4

A second course meeting the criteria for the experiential component requirement, as approved by the certificate director.

Any additional courses as approved by the certificate director.