

Criminal Law

OVERVIEW

This certificate prepares students for criminal law careers through specialized coursework, internships, and clinical experiences. Drake students benefit from the Law School's long-standing relationships with the offices of the prosecutor, public defender, and U.S. Attorney. Many students experience every stage of a criminal case long before they begin their careers. Successful completion is formally noted on the student's transcript along with their JD degree.

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

Basic Courses
Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure Investigation, Criminal Procedure Adjudication, and Evidence

Skills Training
Trial Advocacy

Experiential Training
Prosecution (minimum one course): Prosecutor Internship
Defense (minimum one course): Criminal Defense Clinic

CRIMINAL LAW

Electives
Advanced Criminal Defense Clinic — Trial, Advanced Internships (Polk County Prosecutor, Federal Public Defender, State Public Defender, U.S. Attorney's Office), Domestic Violence, Federal Criminal Law, Global Issues in Criminal Law, Juvenile Delinquency Clinic, Mass Incarceration, Psychiatry and the Law, and Wrongful Convictions Law and Policy.

FACULTY

Drake's criminal law faculty are experienced former practitioners and impactful scholars:

Allison McCarthy, Director of Criminal Defense Clinic; Visiting Associate Professor; JD, University of Iowa College of Law; expert in immigration law and criminal defense.

Dean Strang, Director of the Institute for Justice Reform & Innovation; Associate Professor of Law; JD, University of Virginia; former defense attorney, expert in criminal law, procedure, and evidence.

Ellen Yee, Director of International Programs; Professor of Law; JD, University of Minnesota; former California prosecutor, expert in criminal law, evidence, ethics, and psychiatry/law.

Steve Foritano, Practitioner in Residence; Director of the First-Year Trial Practicum; JD, University of Iowa College of Law; retired Polk County Bureau Chief and former Special Assistant U.S. Attorney; expert in trial advocacy, criminal law, and procedure.

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