

Social Justice and Public Interest Lawyering Certificate

Student Name: _____ **Student Banner ID:** _____

Students must take 14 hours from the courses below, reflect on a Community Action event, and complete the Public Service Certificate.

Perspectives Course Requirement <i>(Minimum 1 course)</i>	Term	Credits
Comparative Constitutional Law (2-3 credits)		
Comparative Race and the Law (1 credit)		
Current Topics in Race and the Law (1 credit)		
Domestic Violence (3 credits)		
International Human Rights (3 credits)		
Race and the American Law (2-3 credits)		
Race and the Constitution (2 credits)		
Race, Law and History in Iowa (3 credits)		
Race, Law and Social Change (2 credits)		
Race, Law and Social Science (2 credits)		
Women and the Law (2 credits)		

Skills and Advocacy Requirement <i>(Minimum 2 course requirement from different categories: Advocacy Skills, Clinics, or Internships)</i>	Term	Credits
Advocacy Skills		
Appellate Advocacy (2 credits)		
Mediation (1-2 credits)		
Negotiations (2 credits)		
Trial Advocacy (3 credits)		
Clinics		
Children's Rights Clinic (2-4 credits)		
Criminal Defense Clinic (4-6 credits)		
General Civil Practice Clinic (4-6 credits)		
Refugee Clinic (4-6 credits)		
Wrongful Convictions Clinic (4-6 credits)		
Internships		
Animal Law Internship (1-3 credits)		
Children's Rights Center Internship (1-3 credits)		
Disability Rights Iowa (2-3 credits)		
Independent Internship (with approval of program director) (1-3 credits)		
Iowa Civil Rights Commission Internship (2-3 credits)		
Iowa Legal Aid Internship (1-3 credits)		
Juvenile Law Appellate Internship (1-3 credits)		
Juvenile Law Internship (1-3 credits)		

Kids First Internship (2-3 credits)		
Legislative Internship (2 credits)		
Legislative Practice Internship (2-3 credits)		
Reintegration Advocacy Project Internship (4-6 credits)		
State Public Defender Appellate Internship (3 credits)		
State Public Defender Internship (3 credits)		

Optional Electives <i>(Minimum 3 courses)</i>	Term	Credits
Applied Immigration Law and Policy (2 credits)		
Children and the Law (2-3 credits)		
Constitutional Controversies (1 credit)		
Constitutional Litigation (2-3 credits)		
Election Law (2-3 credit)		
Employment Discrimination (2 credits)		
Environmental Law (3 credits)		
European Migration Law (1 credit)		
Family Law (3 credits)		
Federal Courts and Jurisdiction (3 credits)		
First Amendment Seminar (3 credits)		
Global Issues in Criminal Law (1 credit)		
Immigration Law (3 credits)		
International Criminal Justice (2 credits)		
Issues in Cannabis Law (1 credit)		
Justice Reform and Innovation (2 credits)		
Legislation (2 credits)		
Legislative Practice (2 credits)		
Psychiatry and the Law (2-3 credits)		
State Constitutional Law (3 credits)		
State and Local Government (3 credits)		

Advanced Writing <i>(Requirement must be filled through one of these options)</i>	Term	Credits
AWR of a Perspectives Course		
AWR of Individual Research - subject to approval by program director		

Advanced Writing Project Topic: _____

OVERALL TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS EARNED - 14 Required	
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Public Service Certificate - Required**Community Action:**

Write a reflection of approximately 300 words regarding your experience either (1) at the organization where you completed your Public Service Certificate hours, OR (2) as a member of a Drake Law student affinity group for a year and assisting in organizing a student event.

Suggested Prompts for Reflection:

What bias, discrimination, or problem is this organization/event addressing, and how does it connect to your own life?

How did your perspective on this issue change after volunteering for this organization/event?

How does the focus of the organization/event relate to one of the courses you took for this certificate?

What role does the legal system play in perpetuating this problem, or how could the legal system help to address the problem?

What questions do you have about the issue? What do you want to know next?

What is one concrete action step you can take to cause change on this issue?

Organization:**Event Name and Date:****Date reflection submitted to Certificate Program Director:**

Signature of Program Director or Student Records Specialist

Date Signed

The signature above indicates that the student has satisfied all requirements necessary to be awarded a Certificate for Social Justice and Public Interest Lawyering.