

# CIVIL RIGHTS AND RACIAL JUSTICE - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The Civil Rights and Racial Justice graduate certificate directly prepares students for a career in civil rights and racial justice law, focuses their education on issues in race and the law and anti-subordination, and seeks to address structural racism by studying its causes and effects.

## Requirements

The Civil Rights and Racial Justice Certificate can be completed through a focused but flexible range of coursework. The certificate requires a participating student to earn no less than 92 semester hours of course credit for graduation (as contrasted with the usual 89 semester hours), and to earn at least 18 of these semester hour credits in the area of civil rights and/or racial justice. The certificate may be completed within the normal three year law degree period if a student takes a somewhat heavier than average load in each semester after completing the first year of law school.

## Minimum Grade Point Average

A student who satisfies all of the course requirements for this certificate program would be awarded the certificate if the student earned a grade of at least a C in each required course. A student who satisfies all of the course requirements for a certificate program would be awarded the certificate "with honors" if the student earned at least an A- average in courses designated by the student as satisfying the certificate requirements.

## Required Courses and Credits

After completion of the first year of law school study, students are required to select from the following courses to meet their 18 credits. However, consistent with other certificate programs, a student may seek permission from the faculty advisor of the certificate program to receive certificate credit for one other course (including a clinic) not listed below, upon a showing that the course/clinic will meaningfully focus on civil rights or racial justice law. Law students who wish to participate in the certificate program should consult the Law School Registrar and the certificate faculty advisor to discuss the certificate requirements, plan their schedule and obtain approval for any non-specified elective courses in advance of taking such courses for certificate credit.

| Code  | Title   | Credit Hours |
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| <b>Core Courses</b>   |   |              |
| Choose one:   |   |              |
| LAWS 7725   | American Indian Law I   |              |
| LAWS 7025   | Civil Rights  |              |
| LAWS 7045   | Criminal Procedure: Adjudicative Process  |              |
| LAWS 7541   | Employment Discrimination   |              |
|   | Seminar: Special Topics in International Law (Global Critical Race Theory Subtopic) Immigration Law or International Human Rights |              |
| <b>Specialized Elective Course</b>                              |   |              |
| Choose from the core course list or from the following courses: |   |              |

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| LAWS 7735    | American Indian Law II   |
| LAWS 7301    | Copyright  |
| or LAWS 7341 | Trademark and Unfair Competition Law   |
| LAWS 6602    | Cultural Property Law  |
| LAWS 6555    | Disability Rights  |
| LAWS 7513    | Domestic Violence  |
| LAWS 7242    | Environmental Justice and Law  |
| or LAWS 8242 | Seminar: Funding Climate Action  |
| LAWS 6521    | Employment Law   |
| LAWS 7003    | Federal Courts   |
| LAWS 7015    | First Amendment  |
| LAWS 6008    | Foundations of International Legal Thought   |
| LAWS 7715    | Indigenous Peoples in International Law  |
| LAWS 6511    | Labor Law  |
| LAWS 8645    | Seminar: Law and Politics Colloquium: Race in America  |
| LAWS 7515    | Poverty Law  |
| LAWS 7605    | Refugee and Asylum Law   |
| LAWS 7031    | Regulation of Financial Institutions   |
| LAWS 8565    | Seminar: Citizenship and Equality  |
| LAWS 8505    |  |
| LAWS 8035    | Seminar Speech, Religion, and Equality: Constitutional Values in Tension                     |
| LAWS 8533    | Seminar: Criminal Law in Context: Legal and Social Images of Victims and Perpetrators        |
| LAWS 8315    | Seminar: Advanced Criminal Justice   |
| LAWS 7525    |  |
| LAWS 8728    | Seminar: Critical Theory Colloquium  |
| LAWS 8455    | Seminar: Gender and Criminal Justice   |
| LAWS 8535    | Seminar: Class and Law   |
| LAWS 8095    | Seminar: Problems in Constitutional Law (civil rights focus)                                 |
| LAWS 8440    | Seminar: International Human Rights (cannot be counted if non-seminar version is also taken) |
| LAWS 7505    | Sexuality and the Law  |

## Capstone

Clinical and/or additional practice requirement as a capstone project, students are required to complete one of the below clinics or externships (or another clinic/externship approved by the faculty advisor)

### Clinics

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| LAWS 7309 | American Indian Law Clinic              |
| LAWS 6029 | Criminal and Immigration Defense Clinic |
| LAWS 6079 | Criminal Defense Clinic                 |

### Externships/Additional Practice Opportunities

Consistent with the limitations on practice hour credits, participants could dedicate 2 credit hours toward the Certificate credit requirements or the Capstone requirement using the following:

Externships in the field of civil rights, racial justice, international human rights, or American Indian/indigenous peoples law and policy. These placements could be at agencies, non-profits, or law firms focusing on this field, such as the ACLU, the Southern Poverty Law Center, the EEOC, or could include acting as a research assistant for a professor.

<sup>1</sup> This list of elective courses may be altered by the certificate advisor(s).