



Requirements for Public Interest JD Graduates

PIJD certificate candidates must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Graduation Application. Candidates must create and maintain documentation evidencing completion of the certificate requirements listed below. The PIJD graduation application will be available by January 1. Full-time 3Ls, including graduating Flex 3Ls and Flex 4Ls, should submit the graduation application by March 15.

2. Academic Plan. Candidates must meet at least once each year with their faculty advisors to discuss progress towards completion of the PIJD requirements and plans for completing those requirements. Academic plans will be submitted by May 25 of the candidate's 1L year and 2L year. Flex JD candidates who are planning to graduate in their 4L year will also submit a plan their 3L year. See [Academic Planning Form 1L](#) & [Academic Planning Form 2L](#) & [Academic Planning Form 3L](#) for details.

3. Career Plan. Candidates must meet at least once each year with a career advisor from the Office of Career Management (OCM) to discuss career options in the government and/or non-profit sectors. Candidates will write a career plan in conjunction with their OCM advisor and discuss the plan with one of the program directors during the 1L year. The plan shall be updated yearly. Full-time 1Ls and 2Ls and Flex 1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls should meet with their OCM career advisor no later than April 10. Full-time 1Ls and 2Ls and Flex 1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls should submit their career plans to the program directors by April 20. Full-time 3Ls, including graduating Flex 3Ls and Flex 4Ls, should meet with their OCM advisor no later than March 6. Full-time 3Ls, including graduating Flex 3Ls and Flex 4Ls, should submit a final plan to the program directors by March 15. All career plans should be submitted first to the OCM career advisor for his/her signature, and then to the program directors for their signatures. See [Career Planning Form](#) for details.



4. Public Interest Coursework. Candidates must complete sixteen (16) units of public interest related elective coursework. This requirement includes units earned in the experiential learning requirement (see #5, below). Currently, non-experiential courses that will count [can be found here](#). The list of academic courses that will satisfy this requirement will be updated periodically by the program directors. Candidates may petition for a course to be added.

5. Experiential Learning. Candidates must complete at least three (3) semesters of experiential learning, including at least one semester of clinic work of at least 3 units, and at least one externship of at least 3 units related to the student's focus. Currently, courses that will count for experiential learning [can be found here](#). The list of courses that will count toward a semester of experiential learning will be updated by the program directors periodically. Candidates may petition for a course to be added.

6. Milestone Experiences. Candidates must complete at least six (6) of the milestone activities listed in the [Detailed Milestone Instructions](#). Within two weeks of completion of the milestone, candidates must submit the [Milestone Verification](#) form for program director approval. The form should include the verification information required for the specific milestone, which can be found on the [Detailed Milestone Instructions](#). Program directors will either sign-off on the milestone or offer additional feedback to the student within two weeks of submission.