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**REQUIREMENTS FOR**

 **SOCIAL JUSTICE GRADUATION CERTIFICATE**

**A. INTRODUCTION**

Santa Clara Law students may earn a Certificate in Public Interest and Social Justice Law upon graduation, demonstrating their training and experience in serving the community. The Center for Social Justice and Public Service administers this Certificate Program and is responsible for decisions relating to it.

Students may elect to earn a general certificate or a certificate with an emphasis in criminal justice, immigration law, or environmental justice. To earn the certificate, students must complete Public Interest and Social Justice Law Certiifcate Requirements in three categories:

* Academic
* Practicum
* Public service.

These requirements are described below.

Deadline to Apply for Certificate. Students getting ready to graduate must submit the application to the Center for Social Justice in February of their graduation year for May graduates or November of their graduating year for December graduates. Please see the Center for Social Justice website, at <https://law.scu.edu/socialjustice/certificate-and-curriculum/>, for the application deadline for the specific year.

**A. Requirements for the General Social Justice Certificate.**

***1. Academic Course work.*** 15 units from the following list of courses, at least six must be in doctrinal courses. Students may also petition to have course not included in the list count towards the coursework requirement, if those courses satisfy the goal of learning more about the use of law and the legal system to aid marginalized or under-represented clients or causes.

***2. Practicum.*** 150 hours of supervised legal work in a public interest/social justice organization, including law school clinics and externships. The work can be paid, volunteer, or for unit credit. However, the work cannot satisfy both the practicum requirement and the pro bono requirement. If the work is not done for unit credit, the supervisor must sign the completion form, verifying completion of the hours.

***3. Public Service.*** 50 hours of community volunteer work promoting public interest and social justice, as defined by the Pro Bono Recognition Program. These hours cannot be paid or for credit, and Law School Organization work does not normally satisfy this requirement. These hours may be law-related, but need not be. The supervisor must sign the completion form, verifying completion of the hours.

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| Social Justice Courses for the General Certificate15 units required, of which 2 courses must come from the list of doctrinal courses. Please note that note all course are offered each semester. |
| Doctrinal CoursesLaw 204 Legal Aspects of WarLaw 205 Local Government LawLaw 207 Administrative LawLaw 209 Advanced Immigration LawLaw 212 Immigration LawLaw 214 Drug Policy Practicum: Cannabis Law and PolicyLaw 215 International LawLaw 223 Energy TransactionsLaw 224 Criminalizing HomelessnessLaw 235 Labor LawLaw 236 Restorative JusticeLaw 238 Employment DiscriminationLaw 243 Environmental Law in a Practice SettingLaw 247 Globalization and the Rule of LawLaw 260 Debtors’ and Creditors’ Rights Law 263 Asian Americans and U.S. Law Law 268 Law and Social Justice SeminarLaw 286 Land UseLaw 288 Environmental Protection LawLaw 289 Water LawLaw 291 Family Law Law 304 Housing DiscriminationLaw 310 Criminal Procedure: InvestigationLaw 311 Criminal Procedure: AdjudicationLaw 312 Tax Policy and Social JusticeLaw 317 Race and the LawLaw 333 Critical Race TheoryLaw 338 Immigration Law and Policy PracticumLaw 364 Criminal Law and PolicyLaw 401 Domestic Violence SeminarLaw 408A Public Interest and Social Justice PracticeLaw 408 Social Justice WorkshopLaw 414 Environmental Law Seminar Law 418A Health Law SeminarLaw 434 Gender and the LawLaw 435 Domestic Violence Mini CourseLaw 440 International Human Rights Theory and PracticeLaw 444 Energy Resources LawLaw 446A Advanced Criminal LawLaw 448 Voting Rights Seminar/Election LawLaw 525 Assisted Reproduction, Cloning and Genetic EngineeringLaw 531 Juvenile Justice Topics: Leadership TrainingLaw 532 Juvenile Justice Topics: Practical ApplicationsLaw 542 Law of Nonprofit OrganizationsLaw 608 International Environmental LawLaw 622 Anti-Discrimination Selected Topics Law 715 Labor Law: the Public Sector | Summer Abroad Doctrinal CoursesLaw 830 Intl IP Law – GenevaLaw 833 Public International LawLaw 883 Forced Migration Law & Law of Indigenous PeoplesLaw 876 Intl Humanitarian LawLaw 889 Intl Human Rts GenevaLaw 898 Intl Criminal Justice – the HagueLaw 939 Human Rights in the AmericasLaw 992 Public Intl, Intl IP, Intl Humanitarian, Intl Human Rights LawExperiential coursesLaw 300 Alternative Dispute ResolutionLaw 313 Effective Advocacy for Legislative and Policy ReformLaw 325 Trial TechniquesLaw 331 Advanced Trial TechniquesLaw 458 Interviewing and CounsellingLaw 512 Spanish for LawyersLaw 521 Leadership for LawyersLaw 562 Arbitration Law and PracticeLaw 601 International Dispute ResolutionLaw 602 MediationExternships (Approval required for satisfaction of certificate.)Law 590 Civil Practice Internship and Seminar- (placement must be approved)Law 591 Criminal Justice Internship and SeminarLaw 594/670 Judicial ExternshipLaw 523 Panetta Fellows ExternshipLaw ClinicsLaw 463 KGACLC Workers' Rights Interviewing, Advising and Mediation ClinicLaw 468 KGACLC Courthouse Clinic Law 469 KGACLC Immigration Interviewing & Advising Law 481 KGACLC Civil Clinical Skills IILaw 505 NCIP Projects A&BLaw 511 KGACLC Litigation Skills 1Law 515 Northern California Innocence Project Advanced Practice ClinicLaw 515A NCIP Advanced Practice Clinic A&BLaw 538 Immigration Appellate Practice Ninth CircuitLaw 727 International Human Rights Clinic A&BLaw 728 Advanced Human Rights Clinic A&BLaw 791 Pretrial Litigation TechniquesSummer abroad/international externships (approval required for satisfaction of the Certificate) |
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**C. PUBLIC INTEREST AND SOCIAL JUSTICE LAW CERTIFICATE WITH**

**EMPHASIS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

This certificate is appropriate for students who wish to practice in the area of criminal justice as a prosecutor or defense counsel. Students must successfully complete the following classes required for all J.D. candidates: Criminal Law (Law 106) and Evidence (Law 311). Students must also complete:

* At least four units in advanced criminal law coursework, such as Criminal Procedure Investigation, Advanced Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure Adjudication, and Immigration Law and Crimes.
* Enough additional elective units under the list of courses for the general certificate to reach a total of 16 units;
* 150 hours of practicum work in the area of criminal justice, such as the Northern California Innocence Project or an externship with a district attorney or public defender’s office; and
* 50 hours of volunteer work, preferably in a criminal justice setting.

**D. PUBLIC INTEREST AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CERTIFICATE WITH EMPHASIS**

**IN IMMIGRATION LAW**

This certificate is appropriate for students who wish to practice in the area of immigration law in a range of professions, including representing of noncitizens before DHS-Citizenship and Immigration Services or the Immigration Courts, as government counsel with the Department of Homeland Security, as a prosecutor or defense counsel in criminal cases, or for an international organization assisting refugees and displaced persons. Students must successfully complete Constitutional Law II (Law 201). Students must also complete:

* At least four units of Immigration Law coursework, which must include Immigration Law (Law 212) and at least one of the following courses: Refugee Law, Immigration Law and Crimes, or Business Immigration Law.
* Enough additional elective units under the course list for the general certificate to reach a total of 16 units;
* 150 hours of practicum work in the area of immigration law, such as the KGACLC Immigration Law clinics, the Immigration Appellate Practice clinic, or an externship with a government or non-governmental law office working in the area of immigration law; and
* 50 hours of volunteer work, preferably in an immigration setting.

**E. PUBLIC INTEREST AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CERTIFICATE WITH AN**

**EMPHASIS IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

This certificate is appropriate for students who wish to practice in a range of professions in the area of Environmental Law, including working for state, federal, or international agencies or representing individuals, public entities, and private entities in the area of environmental justice. Students must successfully complete:

* At least four units in in Environmental Justice, which must include Environmental Protection Law (Law 277), and at least one of the following courses: International Environmental Law (Law 608), Land Use (Law 286), Energy Resources Law (Law 444), or Environmental Law in a Practice Setting;
* Enough additional elective units under the course list for the general certificate to reach a total of 16 units;
* 150 hours of practicum work in the area of Environmental Justice, including an externship in the area of Environmental Justice or the International Human Rights Law Clinic, to the extent that assigned work in the clinic involves Environmental Justice;
* 50 hours of volunteer work, preferably in an Environmental Justice setting.