

CERTIFICATE IN CRIMINAL LAW & PROCEDURE

Students qualify for a certificate by satisfying the requirements set forth below. Course credit may be allowed, in the discretion of the Director of the Criminal Law Program, for one course, of up to three (3) units of credit, taken at another law school. In that event, only the credit earned for that course will be applied to the certificate. The grade earned for the course will not be counted in determining the students GPA for the certificate.

A. Course Requirements To obtain the certificate, a student must complete the following course requirements

Level 1

All of the following:

- CJ: Criminal Procedure I
- CJ: Criminal Procedure II
- CJ: Criminal Law I
- Evidence

Level 2

One of the following:

- CJ: Comparative Criminal Law & Procedure Seminar
- CJ: Crime Victim Litigation Clinic [for students entering before Fall, 2008 only]
- CJ: Criminal Law II
- CJ: National Security Law
- CJ: Terrorism & National Security Seminar
- CJ: Victims in Criminal Procedure
- Environmental Enforcement
- Juvenile Justice Seminar
- Individual Research (criminal law or procedure topic)
- Any class with a "CJ" designation in the title unless listed for Levels 1 or 3

Level 3

One of the following:

- Appellate Advocacy
- CIS: Criminal Law Seminar
- CJ: Crime Victim Litigation Clinic [for students entering Fall, 2008 and after]
- CJ: Criminal Practice Seminar
- Externship: Criminal*
- Moot Court, as indicated**
- Trial Advocacy

B. Writing Requirement To obtain the certificate, a student must complete one paper that involves substantial independent research and, in addition, that satisfies one of the following criteria:

- a. The paper must focus directly on criminal law, criminal procedure, or both.
- b. For students entering prior to Fall, 2008: The paper must satisfy the criteria for either the "A" or "B" writing requirement. If these criteria are met, it is immaterial whether the student actually uses the paper to fulfill the "A" or "B" writing requirement.

For students entering in Fall, 2008 or after: The paper must satisfy the criteria for either the "WIE" or the "Capstone" writing requirement. If these criteria are met, it is immaterial whether the student actually uses the paper to fulfill the "WIE" or "Capstone" writing requirement.

Students should plan ahead in determining how to meet the writing requirement. In particular, it is important to consider the following:

- Be sure that the paper involves substantial independent research. Some papers clearly fail to meet this requirement (*e.g.* moot court briefs or memoranda for which the professor has artificially limited the scope of the problem or research involved). The nature of some other papers, or the work actually done by the student, may also result in difficulties with this requirement.
- There will be a strong presumption against allowing co-authored papers to qualify for the Certificate.
- The student has the burden of ensuring that the paper topic, scope, and research level meet the Certificate requirements. If there is any doubt, the student should initiate a consultation among the student, the supervising faculty member, and the Certificate Director early in the paper process.

C. Grade Point Requirement*:**

For students entering Fall, 2008 or before: The student must maintain a grade point average of B minus (2.70) or better in courses taken and selected as qualifying for the Certificate.

For students entering Fall, 2009 or after: The student must maintain a grade point average of B (3.00) or better in courses taken and selected as qualifying for the Certificate.

* 3 credits of the graded portion will be counted in determining the student's GPA for the Certificate.

** The following Moot Court competitions are included as developing litigation or client counseling skills that are applicable to a criminal practice: Moot Court ABA: Negotiation; Moot Court ABA: Tax I; Moot Court: Appellate Advocacy Regional; Moot Court: Client Counseling; Moot Court: International; Moot Court: Mock Trial; Moot court: NALSA; Moot Court: Merhige Environmental Negotiation, National.

*** This requirement is subject to change depending upon any changes in the grading system or required mean that might be adopted by the faculty.