

Public Interest, Justice, and Equality Curriculum Plan

This curriculum plan aims to help you select courses if you are interested in a career in public interest or focusing your studies on this area. We strongly encourage every student to pursue a broad legal education that includes core courses (including bar courses), courses relevant to a student's professional interests and goals, and courses that appeal to a student for any particular reason. This page provides general advice and information about the courses and other offerings at the College of Law.

If you are interested in public interest, we encourage you to seek individual guidance on designing your 2L and 3L curriculum from any of the faculty resources listed here. In addition, the Assistant Dean for Students and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs are available to meet with students for general academic advising.

Sequencing: Generally, fundamental courses should be taken before more specialized courses. You may also want to take specialized courses in your area of focus in your 2L year. You may want to take the basic courses of Business Associations, Civil Procedure II, Evidence, and Federal Income Tax in your 2L year. You may want to take Appellate Advocacy for your second-year writing requirement.

Courses with broad relevance: Administrative Law
Sem: Critical Theory/Critical Lawyering
Civil Law Clinic*
Federal Courts
Sem: Lawyering and Social Movements
Lawyers as Leaders
Legislation Clinic*
Public Interest & Government Externship*
Nonprofit Law
Sem: Poverty Law

Specialized Courses: Children and the Law
Criminal Defense Clinic*
Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
Criminal Procedure: Investigation
Critical Race Narratives (seminar)
Disability Access (seminar)
Election Law
Employment Law
Employment Discrimination Law
Environmental Law
Family Law
First Amendment
Health Equity, Policy, and Advocacy*
Immigration Law
Immigration Clinic*

Justice for Children Clinic*
Law and Religion
Poverty Law (seminar)
Prisons, Police & Borders (seminar)
Public Health Law
Race to Risk Assessment (seminar)
Reimagining Public Safety (seminar)
Resolving Community Civil Rights Disputes (short course)*
Restorative Justice (seminar)
Sex, Sexuality, and the Law
Social Identity, Consciousness, and the Law
Topics in Disability Law and Policy (seminar)

Faculty resource list:

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Emily Brown
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Note: This document is provided for advising purposes only. Choosing to take courses listed on this advising document will not lead to a certificate or other designation on your transcript. Not all courses listed here will be taught each year. This information is being provided for the 2023-24 academic year only. For the most up-to-date information, please consult the schedule of courses or email moritzstudentaffairs@osu.edu.