

Dispute Resolution Curriculum Plan

Increasingly, courts are moving beyond traditional trials and appeals to help clients find satisfactory resolutions to their agreements. Negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and other processes are helping parties reach a satisfying outcome. Courses in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) benefit students interested in litigation, transactional, and government practice as well as those interested in management and leadership.

This curriculum plan aims to help you select courses if you are interested in a career in dispute resolution or focusing your studies on this area. We strongly encourage every student to pursue a broad legal education that includes courses beyond your area of core interest, such as bar exam courses, courses that help a student hone their “soft” lawyering skills, including communication skills, negotiation skills, and leadership skills, courses relevant to a student’s professional interests and goals, and courses that appeal to a student for any particular reason.

If you are interested in dispute resolution, the Assistant Director for Global Perspectives is available to meet with students for general academic advising. Please e-mail Charliene at charliene.1@osu.edu to request an appointment or to ask any questions you may have.

If you intend to pursue a **Concentration in Dispute Resolution** (and earn a certificate of concentration alongside your LLM degree), you will be required to successfully complete at least 12 credits in this area of law out of the 24 credit hours required for the LLM degree. You may select any courses from among the core, specialized, related, and civil discourse courses listed below to complete the required 12 concentration credits for a certificate of concentration in Dispute Resolution. We strongly recommend that you take at least two core courses.

Core Courses:

- Arbitration
- Arbitration Practice
- Dispute Resolution Survey
- Dispute Resolution Colloquium (Seminar)
- Dispute Resolution: Theory and Process
- Dispute Systems Design
- Issues in Arbitration (seminar)
- International Dispute Resolution
- Legal Negotiation
- Negotiation and Mediation

Specialized Courses:

- Family & Divorce Mediation
- Dispute Resolution in the Digital Age
- International Commercial Arbitration (1-week course)
- Jurisprudence of ADR
- Mediation Clinic (1 seat reserved for LLMs each semester)
- Resolving Community Civil Rights Disputes (2-week course)
- Restorative Justice

Related Courses:

Adv Legal Research: Litigation & ADR

Employment Discrimination Law
Ethnic Conflict
Labor Law
Law Externships (externships with non-profit organizations and governmental agencies)
Middle East Conflict
Special Education Advocacy

Civil Discourse courses: Difficult Conversations in Polarized Times
Facilitating Potentially Contentious Meetings
Mastering Difficult Conversations & Negotiation: Essential Leadership Skills for Future Lawyers and Business Leaders (1-week course)
Social Media and Conflict

Faculty resource list: Sarah R. Cole
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Note: This document is provided for advising purposes only. Not all courses listed here will be taught each year. For the most up-to-date information, please consult the schedule of courses for each academic year on [Moritz LLM Program Academic Information](#) page. For a full list of all course offerings at Moritz, please visit [here](#).