



GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF LAW

Externship Courses at Golden Gate University School of Law

Golden Gate law students may earn academic credit for supervised legal work through the externship program. Enrollment involves attendance at a law school seminar and hands-on supervised legal work at a government agency, law firm, judicial chambers, or other organization with legal-based work.

Golden Gate Law currently offers the following Externship Clinics:

Externship Clinic Name	Fall	Spring	Summer
Advanced Legal Clinic	X	X	
Cannabis Law Clinic (beginning Spring 2021)		X	
Civil Field Placement Clinic	X	X	X
Immigration Clinic (priority given to PT evening students)	X	X	
Criminal Litigation Clinic	X	X	X
Judicial Externship	X	X	X

Which externship should I take? The Externship Course you elect will depend on the placement you secure. For example, students who want to extern in a district attorney or public defender's office should enroll in the Criminal Litigation Clinic. Students working for a judge or court should enroll in the Judicial Externship. Students who have completed one or more externship courses in prior semesters, and who wish to work again in the same field of law, should enroll in the Advanced Legal Clinic.

Am I eligible to take a course? And, if so, how many hours do I have to work? While each course has its own requirements and pre-requisites, students in any of the Externship Courses must have completed at least 28 units of law school prior to beginning an Externship Course. Students earn one unit for every 45 hours they work at their placements.

How do I apply and register for the Externship Course? Applications are due one month before the start of the semester in which you wish to extern. Then, during the registration period, register for the appropriate Externship Course, even if you have not yet secured your placement. You must secure a placement before the first class meeting for your Externship Course. Find the application form online at: <https://law.ggu.edu/academics/clinics/externships/> and submit it, with your resume attached, to externships@ggu.edu.

Questions? Go the Externship Clinics page at <https://law.ggu.edu/academics/clinics/externships/> or contact externships@ggu.edu.