

Criminal Law Certificate Learning Outcomes

Upon satisfactory completion of this specialized Certificate, students will be able to:

Criminal Law Literacy: Analyze fundamental U.S. criminal law, practice, and procedure (collectively “Criminal Law”) and its role in society.

Criminal Law Advocacy Skills: Demonstrate an ability to research, write, file, and orally defend/present legal memoranda, court briefs, and other pertinent documents and pleadings involving Criminal Law.

Criminal Law Practice Skills: Employ techniques to interview and prepare a client and a witness for Criminal Law proceedings.

Criminal Justice System Institutions: Differentiate the institutions and individuals within the criminal justice system and their respective roles and applicable rules of ethics governing those roles, including but not limited to judges, defense counsel, court staff, corrections officials, and prosecutors (collectively “Criminal Law Professionals”).

Professionalism: Demonstrate an ability to interact and communicate professionally and ethically with Criminal Law Professionals and diverse clients and witnesses.

Specialization: Produce a research paper, scholarly article, or other work product that demonstrates expertise in a specific area(s) or topic of Criminal Law.