Government Law and Policy

Course Requirements:

15 credits from the following courses and additional experiential credits:

Required Courses:

Administrative Law (3 credits)
Legislation and Statutory Interp. (3 credits)

Note: Students who completed Law of Government or Accountability and Reform prior to summer 2023 do not need to take Legislation and Statutory Interp. to satisfy the concentration requirement.

Electives:
At least 3 credits from the following courses:

Civil Rights Liability Litigation (3 credits)

Election Law (2 credits)

Government Ethics (2 credits)

Law of Gov't (also known as "Accountability and Reform in the Law of Government") (3 credits)
National Security Law (2 credits
State and Local Government (2 credits)
State and Local Taxation (3 credits)
U.S. Refugee and Asylum Law (3 credits)

Experiential Requirement:

Participation in at least one of the following experiential programs:

- Related Clinic, Field Placement, or Semester/Summer in Practice (approval by faculty advisor)
- Government Law Center Fellowship

Writing Requirement:

Students are required to complete one significant piece of writing in the concentration area. The writing requirement does not require that students earn any credits beyond the required and credits described above. The topic and the arrangement for fulfilling the writing requirement, however, must be approved in advance by the Concentration Advisor. The paper could be written to fulfill the requirements of a course, an independent study, or a law journal note and comment. It may also be possible to fulfill this requirement by completing a substantial piece of writing in conjunction with an experiential course, clinic, or Field Placement, such as a brief, a series of Motions, or a significant legal memorandum. It could also be fulfilled by writing a paper independently, such as a submission to a writing competition or an article for publication. In all of these arrangements, the prior approval of the Concentration Advisor is required

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