



# Specializing

**A Guide to Lewis & Clark Law School's Certificate Programs  
and Options to Specialize**





## Why Specialize?

At Lewis & Clark, our first priority is helping you develop the foundational skills necessary to succeed in a competitive legal market. Many choose to generalize as they earn their law degrees, but nearly as many opt to narrow their focus on a specialty and even earn a certificate in a particular area. For example, if you know you want to work on international legal matters, pursuing a certificate through the International Law Program can better prepare you for a career in that field and make you a more appealing job candidate to employers. Students who decide to specialize will still have opportunities to take courses outside of their specialty area.

# 40%

OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

### What are the requirements?

The requirements for each certificate program vary, however all of them require the successful completion of a certain number of **foundational and elective courses** within the particular area of law, and at least one **substantial research paper** focused on a relevant topic.

Though not required by all of our certificate programs, students are strongly encouraged to complete some form of **experiential learning**—be it through a clinic, externship, moot court, or legal practicum—to apply and enhance what they are learning in the classroom. Developing practical skills through hands-on training is critical to being prepared for practice in the real world.

Students looking to specialize often choose to participate in **research and academic opportunities** like law journals, as well as **student groups** that organize workshops, host speakers, and offer opportunities to network with practicing attorneys.

# JD Certificate Options

## Animal Law

Study the most comprehensive program of its kind, offering a selection of animal law courses unmatched by any other school.

## Business and Commercial Law

Learn how to address business challenges and prepare for legal careers in business, corporate settings, firms, government agencies, and more.

## Criminal Law

Prepare for a career as a prosecutor or defense attorney and become an advocate for the underrepresented.

## Energy, Innovation, and Sustainability Law

Focus on the intersection of business and environmental law and prepare yourself to enter this emerging and dynamic field.

## Environmental and Natural Resources Law

Immerse yourself in one of the nation's oldest and finest environmental, natural resources, and energy law programs.

## International Law

Build the skills and confidence you need to perform on the global stage.

## Intellectual Property Law

Dive into patent law, trademark and copyright law, antitrust law, entertainment law, international intellectual property law, and more.

## Public Interest Law

Prepare for legal careers with nonprofits, advocacy groups, government agencies, and any other area not traditionally served by the for-profit bar.

## Tax Law

Focus on this specialized practice within business law and prepare for attorney roles within the Internal Revenue Service, law firms, and other business settings.

*“This was the exact law program I was looking for! It gave me the foundational knowledge to effectively and confidently communicate about environmental law without preparing me to litigate. The professors are experts in their field, yet maintain sincere approachability with students. Every aspect of my time in this program prepared me for a career in environmental policy.”*

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## Can you complete more than one certificate program?

Students are permitted to complete more than one certificate program during their time at Lewis & Clark, but doing so requires thoughtful academic planning. While some certificates require courses that may count for more than one program, others prohibit the use of credits toward satisfaction of more than one certificate. If you are interested in completing more than one certificate, you should carefully consult the specific requirements of each program and seek academic advising to make sure your work will count for each one.





# Animal Law

The Center for Animal Law Studies, in collaboration with the Animal Legal Defense Fund, is a globally-recognized leader in its field. Students can tailor the animal law curriculum to match their interests and career goals—whether they want to conduct high-level policy work, practice law at a nonprofit, teach, or work in education and advocacy. We educate and support law students and legal professionals interested in animal law through classes, conferences, scholarship, and clinical opportunities.

JD Certificate in Animal Law

LLM in Animal Law

Online LLM in Animal Law

MSL in Animal Law; Online MSL in Animal Law

## For more information, contact:

Center for Animal Law Studies  
503-768-6960  
[go.clark.edu/AnimalLaw](http://go.clark.edu/AnimalLaw)

# Introduction

Animal law is an exciting and rapidly expanding field that explores fundamental questions about the nature of a legal right or interest, the manner in which the law can create or entrench power imbalances, and how those imbalances impact animals. Animal law overlaps with many traditional areas of the law such as torts, criminal, wills and trusts, constitutional, and property law.

Students have the option of taking a few animal law courses as part of a broader legal education, or specializing in animal law by earning an animal law certificate.

## JD Certificate

Course Requirements

- Satisfactory completion of Administrative Law, Animals in the Law
- 8 additional elective courses
- Two substantial papers on an approved animal law topic

## Summer School

A limited number of animal law courses are offered each summer. Recent summer classes included Animal Rights Law and Jurisprudence and Law and Ethics of Animal Testing. To find out which summer courses are currently available, visit [go.lclark.edu/animal\\_law\\_summer](http://go.lclark.edu/animal_law_summer).

## LLM Degree

The first and only one of its kind, our post-JD Master of Laws (LLM) Program is for law school graduates who want to focus on animal law in practice, teaching, research, or public policy. The program is appropriate for both recent law graduates and established lawyers who want to enhance their understanding of animal law for their current or future practice.

LLM studies can be completed in as little as nine months or spread over two and a half years. Students may start in either the fall or spring semester, and have the option to take day or evening classes. For complete LLM requirements and information, visit [go.lclark.edu/animal-law-llm](http://go.lclark.edu/animal-law-llm).

## MSL (Master of Studies in Law) Degree: Online or On Campus

The first advanced legal degree for nonlawyers interested in animal law is designed for U.S. and international bachelor's degree holders seeking to focus on animal law in teaching, research, academia, advocacy, policy, and more. MSL students sit in the same classes as our law students and are taught by distinguished faculty and practitioners in the area of animal law.

# Animal Law: Beyond the Classroom

## Experiential Learning

### Animal Law Clinic (ALC)

The ALC serves local, national, and foreign organizations by performing a wide range of activities including research, mediation, legislation, litigation support, transactional matters, and policy work. The clinic's goal is to harmonize human and nonhuman animal interests and expand representation for voices that have no access to the legal system. ALC students have a unique opportunity to help clients develop strategic approaches to address problems and meet their goals within an area of law that is continuously, and sometimes substantially, evolving. The ALC is also home to the Aquatic Animal Law Initiative that focuses on the lack of legal and regulatory protections for aquatic animals primarily in agriculture, research, and entertainment settings. To learn more, visit [go.lclark.edu/ALC](http://go.lclark.edu/ALC).

### Farmed Animal Protection Project

The Farmed Animal Protection Project concentrates on farm animal protection and lawyering skills used by farm animal protection legal advocates. The project has an in-class component as well as an out-of-class individual project. In-class exercises teach legal strategies and lawyering skills helpful to lawyers working in farm animal protection. Outside of class, students create an individual project in the field of farm animal protection law. These projects prepare students to work as lawyers for animal nonprofits and NGOs.

### Global Law Alliance for Animals and the Environment (GLAAE)

GLAAE is a partnering between our world-renowned Center for Animal Law Studies and the top-ranked Environmental Law Program. The clinic is a champion for wild animals and wild spaces across the globe, working to protect animals and the environment through the development, implementation, and enforcement of international law. Students actively participate in ongoing cases and projects of the Global Law Alliance. In addition to learning substantive international environmental law and international wildlife law, students have the opportunity to deepen their research, problem-solving, analytical, and writing skills.

### Externships

Externship placements in animal law are offered across the country and internationally. Animal law faculty work hard to help connect students with existing externship opportunities in the animal law field, but students may also identify or create their own externship that is tailored to their specific goals. Over the years, students have been placed in a variety of organizations, including the Animal Legal Defense Fund and The Humane Society. For a complete list of animal advocacy and protection organizations that provide externship and employment opportunities, visit [go.lclark.edu/animal\\_law\\_career](http://go.lclark.edu/animal_law_career).

### Animal Law Moot Court

Lewis & Clark is home to a nationally recognized Moot Court Program in Animal Law. Lewis & Clark has sent multiple teams to compete at the national level each year the National Animal Law Competition has run. Over the years, our teams have brought home several prizes for both oral argument and brief writing. Hosted by Harvard Law School, the competition itself is presented by Lewis & Clark's Center for Animal Law Studies in collaboration with the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

## Research and Academia

### Animal Law Review

Published twice a year, *Animal Law Review* is the nation's first law review devoted entirely to the discussion of legal issues relating to animals. Both JD and LLM students may apply to join the editorial staff. Students can volunteer with the journal or do work for credit. *Animal Law Review* also hosts a yearly symposium that brings together the leading voices in animal law, as well as other legal scholars, practitioners, and students.

### Animal Law Conference

The Animal Law Conference is the longest-running academic conference to address the subject of animal law. In collaboration with the Animal Legal Defense Fund, the conference enriches legal advocacy for animals through sharing ideas, knowledge, and practical skills, as well as providing educational and networking opportunities.

## Student Groups

### Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF)

SALDF is devoted to enhancing the welfare and legal status of all nonhuman animals. Principal responsibilities include coordinating pro bono and volunteer activities, hosting speaking opportunities for prominent animal law scholars and practitioners, facilitating networking events, organizing the annual Meatout celebration, and assisting in planning the Animal Law Conference.

### Students for International Environmental Law (SIEL)

SIEL promotes education and collaboration on issues of international environmental law within the Lewis & Clark community at the local, national, and global levels.

### Ocean Research and Conservation Alliance (ORCA)

Dedicated to the conservation and celebration of marine ecosystems, ORCA works to support legal research and outreach across the fields of international, environmental, and animal law, among others.





# Business and Tax Law

Lewis & Clark offers certificates in both Business Law and Tax Law. These programs prepare students for practice in traditional and emerging subject areas. We provide a robust selection of practical skills and transactional courses that prepare students for practice in an increasingly dynamic business landscape. Many of our courses simulate tasks that business and tax lawyers encounter in their everyday practice, such as preparing transactional documents, negotiating deals, and analyzing complex legal questions.

- JD Certificate in Business Law
- JD Certificate in Tax Law
- JD Certificate in Energy, Innovation, and Sustainability Law
- JD/MBA Dual Degree

**For more information, visit:**

- [go.lclark.edu/BusinessLaw](https://go.lclark.edu/BusinessLaw)
- [go.lclark.edu/TaxLaw](https://go.lclark.edu/TaxLaw)
- [go.lclark.edu/business\\_law\\_faq](https://go.lclark.edu/business_law_faq)

# Introduction

Our Business Law Programs allow students to focus on individual interests, as well as explore a full array of topics. Our courses cover traditional subjects, as well as emerging areas like cyberspace and telecommunications law that challenge attorneys to adapt legal rules to fast-changing technologies.

We offer a robust selection of electives that encourage students to mix practice and theory. Importantly, our offerings also include a full selection of practical skills opportunities and transactional courses that simulate the types of transactions business lawyers encounter in their practices.

If you are thinking about a career as a business lawyer, please visit our comprehensive Business Law FAQ at [go.lclark.edu/business\\_law\\_faq](http://go.lclark.edu/business_law_faq).

## JD Certificates in Business Law and Tax Law

The Business Law and Tax Law Certificate Programs each provide a rigorous course of study. Though the two programs are closely related, each certificate has its own distinct requirements.

Students interested in pursuing either certificate should carefully review the program descriptions and requirements found at [go.lclark.edu/business\\_law\\_curriculum](http://go.lclark.edu/business_law_curriculum).

## JD Certificate in Energy, Innovation, and Sustainability

In collaboration with the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program, the Business Law Program also offers a certificate in Energy, Innovation, and Sustainability. The certificate is designed to prepare students to practice in the growing field of energy law and other related practice areas. Combining courses in both the environmental and business law arenas, this program gives graduates the skills and specialized legal knowledge expected of an energy law practitioner.

## JD/MBA Dual Degree Program

Lewis & Clark offers a joint JD/MBA Program in collaboration with Portland State University, located in downtown Portland. Students in the JD/MBA Program develop a deep and balanced understanding of the intersections of business, social responsibility, sustainability, and law. This collaboration is the only one of its kind in Portland, which is Oregon's largest law and business market.

Students in this program complete both the JD and MBA in four years, rather than the traditional five. Due to the curricular requirements and timeline of the dual degree path, students are strongly encouraged to begin the dual degree at the law school and continue with MBA studies after completing the 1L year.

To apply for the dual degree program, students must submit a separate application for each program. Students may apply as an incoming student, after the completion of the 1L year, or after the first semester of the 2L year. To learn more, visit [www.pdx.edu/sba/jdmba](http://www.pdx.edu/sba/jdmba).

# Business and Tax Law: Beyond the Classroom

## Experiential Learning

### Small Business Legal Clinic (SBLC)

In downtown Portland, clinic students represent small and emerging businesses and help clients with a wide array of business transactions. These include business formation, contract drafting and negotiation, regulatory matters, employment law, franchise agreements, and leases.

Students work under the supervision of an experienced business attorney who is a full-time member of the law school faculty. Students also attend a two-hour weekly class. In just over a decade, the SBLC has served more than 900 new and emerging businesses working on more than 1,500 separate legal matters. Seventy-five percent of SBLC clients are businesses owned by women, minorities, and recent immigrants.

### Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC)

The LITC, part of SBLC, gives students the opportunity to represent taxpayers of lesser means in controversies with the Internal Revenue Service, including audits and appeals before the agency, trials and hearings before the U.S. Tax Court, and appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Students work under the supervision of an experienced tax attorney who is a full-time member of the law school faculty.

### Patent Internship at SBLC

Because the SBLC is a certified program with both the trademark and patent sections of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), interns are able to file for trademarks and patents directly to the USPTO under the supervision of their professors. Student interns have the opportunity to focus on copyright, trademark, and patent matters while interning with the SBLC. The students should have a background in mechanical, electrical, or software engineering. Past clinical interns have filed trade and service marks, registered copyrights for artwork and educational materials, and researched and filed provisional patents and patents, all on behalf of low-income business owners.

### The Center for Business Law and Innovation (CBLI)

The CBLI provides students with business law training along with practical opportunities and connections within the Oregon business community. Through a combination of courses and cocurricular programs, the CBLI provides students with opportunities to work side by side with attorneys to provide transactional legal services to emerging businesses, nonprofits, and entrepreneurs.





### **ABA Law Student Tax Challenge**

Students are invited to participate in an annual competition that focuses on national tax planning and client counseling. Working in teams of two, they produce a memorandum and client correspondence on the tax consequences of a complex business-planning problem. The competition provides students with the opportunity to research real tax planning issues and to demonstrate their acquired tax knowledge through their writing skills.

### **Legal Practica: Entrepreneurship and the Law**

This course combines a weekly two-hour class and a 10-hour-per-week internship at either a Portland law firm focused on working with entrepreneurial clients or a local emerging business. This class focuses on technology-related emerging business corporate law and is ideal for students considering a career in corporate law or litigation or patent prosecution. Students receive course credit for part-time work under the supervision of a local attorney while still attending class on campus.

### **Externships**

Externships can be completed anywhere in the country or internationally. Each year, our students extern at a variety of firms, corporations, and other organizations to gain practical experience in real-life settings. In past years, placements have included externships at Nike, Oregon Public Broadcasting, Portland Energy Conservation, and the Oregon Tax Court.

For a comprehensive overview of Lewis & Clark's externship program, as well as a list of all externship placements to date, visit [go.lclark.edu/law\\_externships](http://go.lclark.edu/law_externships).

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### **VOLUNTEER TAX ASSISTANCE AT LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE**

Each spring, students volunteer for an income tax assistance program serving international students at Lewis & Clark. Students gain important experience in handling the special challenges that international students and scholars face in complying with U.S. tax laws.

## **Student Groups**

### **Business Law Society (BLS)**

BLS sponsors events including an Entrepreneur Speakers' Forum, panels of business law specialists, a Business of Practicing Law series, law firm receptions, and a Law Career Colloquia.

### **Intellectual Property Student Organization (IPSO)**

IPSO attracts students with an interest in patent, copyright, trademark, and licensing issues. Each year IPSO sponsors an IPA with IPA (India Pale Ale with Intellectual Property Attorneys) beer-tasting event for intellectual property lawyers and students, as well as a variety of other intellectual property law-related activities.

### **Student Advocates for Business and Environmental Responsibility (SABER)**

SABER is for students interested in business and sustainability in a variety of law- and business-related activities. SABER sponsors a sustainability week featuring local businesses and speakers, a legal education seminar on sustainable business, tours of sustainable business sites, and social events.

### **Entertainment, Art, and Sports Law Society (EASL)**

EASL provides a forum for students to learn and discuss the complex legal issues involved with current entertainment, arts, and sports law practice.

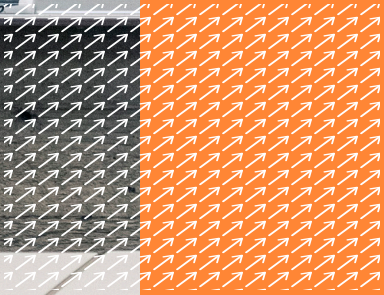
### **Food and Wine Law Society (FWLS)**

FWLS involves thoughtful discussion and research of the food and wine industry's legal issues and challenges, business operations, regulations, and policies. FWLS host catered lunch events and wine tastings with academics and legal and business professionals who are experts in both the field of food and wine law and agriculture business in general.





# Criminal Law and Justice



The wide breadth of criminal law offerings at Lewis & Clark prepares students for legal practice as either a prosecutor or a defense attorney in both state and federal courts. Our program also trains students to become advocates for those involved in the criminal justice system such as crime victims, children, animals, the wrongfully convicted, immigrants, and the indigent.

JD Certificate in Criminal Law and Justice

**For more information, contact:**

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[go.lclark.edu/CriminalLaw](http://go.lclark.edu/CriminalLaw)

# Introduction

Lewis & Clark's Criminal Law and Justice Program goes beyond preparing students for work as prosecutors or defense attorneys. Clinics and classes address cutting edge criminal justice topics, and grant our students opportunities to work on behalf of crime victims' issues, learn about criminal convictions and reentry issues, and gain an understanding of the ways in which criminal law intersects with poverty issues and immigration enforcement. Our elective offerings cover a wide range of emerging topics related to criminal law, including human trafficking law, juvenile justice, international criminal law, and cyber crime. Whether students seek to pursue a more traditional career path in criminal law, or one as an advocate for underserved or underrepresented populations, Lewis & Clark offers a comprehensive educational experience.

## JD Certificate

Regardless of the specific interest area within criminal law, all students pursuing the criminal law certificate must successfully complete three required courses (Criminal Procedure I and II, Criminal Law, and Evidence), at least one specialized elective course, participate in a clinic or approved practical skills experience, and produce a substantial written work on an approved topic in criminal law and justice. For more details on certificate requirements, visit [go.lclark.edu/law\\_certificate\\_programs](http://go.lclark.edu/law_certificate_programs).



# Criminal Law: Beyond the Classroom

## Experiential Learning

### National Crime Victim Law Institute (NCVLI) and Crime Victim Litigation Clinic (CVLC)

Established in 2000, NCVLI—and its corresponding clinic CVLC—are committed to the enforcement and protection of victims' rights in the criminal justice system. It is the only organization of its kind in the United States, providing litigation assistance to victims of crime, training for legal practitioners, crime victim education at other law schools, and expertise in matters of public policy. Students are able to enroll in the CVLC at the start of their 2L year, pursue an internship, or volunteer with NCVLI. Clinic students learn both practical and theoretical approaches to asserting and enforcing the rights of victims in the criminal justice system. Among other responsibilities, students provide primary legal writing and research support for the clinic's activities and participate in the drafting of amicus curiae briefs.

### Criminal Justice Reform Clinic (CJRC)

CJRC students work on a variety of projects, including wrongful convictions and innocence; criminal justice reform, including death penalty, amicus, and Eighth Amendment work; clemency petitions; and legal issues facing individuals returning to the community from incarceration. The CJRC offices are located on campus, as well as at a community office downtown, but the work of the clinic often requires CJRC students and attorneys to collaborate off-site with other public interest entities and attorneys on ongoing cases, community outreach projects, and clinic matters.

### Relevant Experiential Learning Courses: Appellate Advocacy, Moot Court, and Trial Advocacy

Students pursuing the Criminal Law and Justice Certificate may choose to complete an experiential course rather than participating in a clinic. Each of these courses focuses on a separate aspect of trial practice and advocacy, and seeks to prepare students for litigation practice. Note: students may choose to participate in any moot court.

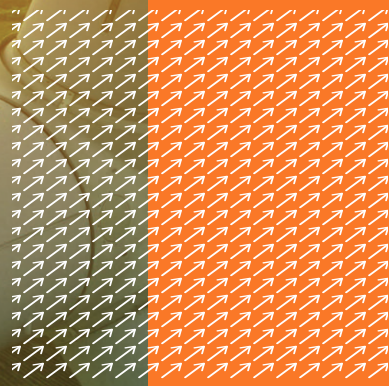
## Student Groups

The following student organizations are especially relevant to students interested in careers related to criminal law and justice reform:

- American Civil Liberties Union
- Crime Victims' Rights Alliance
- Criminal Law Society
- Federalist Society
- National Lawyers Guild
- Public Interest Law Project



# Energy, Innovation, and Sustainability Law



Lewis & Clark offers an innovative certificate program at the intersection of business law and environmental law disciplines. This certificate draws upon both core and specialized business and energy law curricula, and is uniquely designed to prepare students to enter practice in this emerging and dynamic field of law. Students gain specialized knowledge of the complex legal frameworks that shape the energy industry, as well as a comprehensive understanding of the economic, political, and social influences that guide regulation and development of new technologies.

JD Certificate in Energy, Innovation, and Sustainability Law

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# Introduction

An emerging field within environmental law, energy law is focused on the legal and regulatory frameworks that govern the energy industry. Regulation of utilities in the United States has evolved to reflect political, industry, and social responses to the growing threat of climate change. Courses within this growing area of practice prepare students with an understanding of the current state of dominant energy laws, as well as skills and specialized legal knowledge expected of a competent energy law practitioner.

## JD Certificate

Students can pursue an Energy, Innovation, and Sustainability Law certificate through a combination of business and environmental law courses. The certificate requires the successful completion of three core courses—Administrative Law, OR Energy Resources Law and Policy, and Business Associations—as well as four additional specialized courses drawn from both the environmental and business law curriculum. The current list of approved courses includes:

### ENERGY/ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

- Clean Air Act
- Climate Change: U.S. Law and Policy
- Climate Change: International Law
- Energy Law: Electricity Regulation or Energy Resources: Law and Policy (whichever not taken as a required class)
- Environmental Law
- Law of the Columbia River
- Legal Research: Environmental Law (when students pursue energy related topics)
- Northwest Energy Law
- Public Lands and Resources Law

- Renewable Energy Law
- Renewable Energy Development and Finance
- Summer energy classes (vary from summer to summer)
- Sustainability in Law and Business

### BUSINESS LAW

- Advanced Contracts: Commercial Transactions
- Advanced Contracts: Sales and Leases
- Antitrust
- Bankruptcy
- Business Associations II
- Contract Drafting
- Corporate Tax
- Entrepreneurship and Business Principles
- Income Tax I
- Income Tax II
- Intellectual Property Survey
- International Business Transactions
- International Dispute Resolution
- International Investment Law
- Partnership Tax
- Patent Law and Policy
- Property Transactions
- Secured Transactions
- Securities Regulation
- Small Business Legal Clinic
- Sustainability in Law and Business
- Technology Transfer and Licensing
- Trademark Law

In addition, students must

complete a substantial written work on an approved topic that relates to energy or combines energy law and business law concepts (done as part of coursework or as an independent study).

The certificate track also requires students to gain practical skills training in energy law by completing an externship, legal practicum, or clinical experience with an energy law focus. Students also have the option of meeting this requirement through paid employment in the energy law field or through service learning or pro bono work on a project involving energy law. Students must complete at least 130 hours (the equivalent of a 3-credit externship) of hands-on training.

Complete details on the certificate can be found at [go.lclark.edu/elaw](http://go.lclark.edu/elaw).

# Energy, Innovation, and Sustainability Law: Beyond the Classroom

## Experiential Learning

### Green Energy Institute

Lewis & Clark is home to the innovative Green Energy Institute (GEI), the newest addition to the law school's Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program. The GEI's work focuses on developing comprehensive, effective strategies to promote transition to 100% renewable energy within the region. The GEI was founded on the belief that responsible and strategic investment in renewables can equally benefit industry, the economy, and the environment. The GEI is dedicated to highlighting common interests held by all energy market stakeholders as a means of promoting large-scale deployment of renewable energy sources. Students studying energy law can participate in the GEI's work through externships and special events.

### Externships

Externships focused on practical training within the field of energy law practice can be completed anywhere in the country or internationally. Students have the option to extern in a wide variety of legal settings such as firms, government agencies, corporations, and other organizations to gain practical experience in the practice of energy law.

## Student Groups

Informed, engaged students are the hallmark of Lewis & Clark's Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program. Students are actively engaged in virtually every aspect of the law school, including representation on curriculum, faculty and budget committees. A number of student-founded and student-run groups may be of interest to students focused on the study of energy law, including:

### Environmental Law Caucus

One of the oldest environmental law societies in the country.

### Northwest Environmental Defense Center

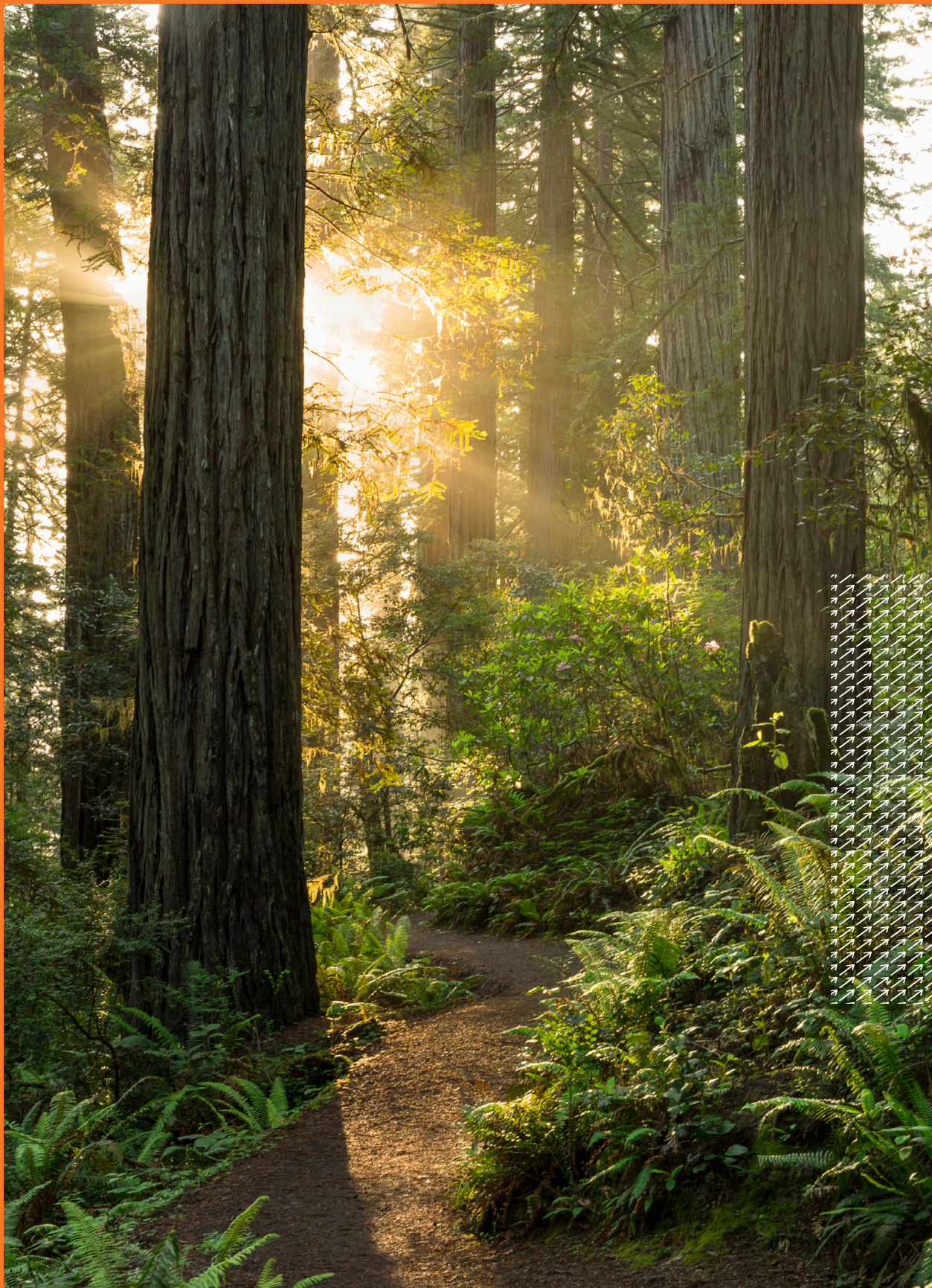
An independent nonprofit organization providing legal support to individuals and grassroots organizations with environmental concerns.

### Natural Resources Law Association

Dedicated to fostering a higher understanding and appreciation for the challenges faced by and the importance of natural resource industries. Provides hands-on opportunities for law students to expand and develop their legal skills within the context of natural resource and environmental laws.

### Student Advocates for Business and Environmental Responsibility (SABER)

Draws upon the expertise of students and professionals and works with land and business owners to achieve goals that are both economically beneficial and environmentally sustainable. SABER has sponsored a number of conferences and continuing legal education seminars on business-related topics.



# Environmental and Natural Resources Law



Lewis & Clark has a long history when it comes to Environmental and Natural Resources Law. Our environmental law program is consistently ranked one of the best in the country. Our program highlights include a curriculum designed both to survey the field and focus on specific areas, a faculty of great depth and diversity in experience, and opportunities to work on actual environmental cases both in the United States and abroad. Lewis & Clark is also home to the country's first and most prestigious environmental law review, a championship-winning environmental moot court program, and student environmental groups with a variety of perspectives. The Green Energy Institute is also housed at Lewis & Clark and focuses on energy policy reform.

- JD Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law
- JD Certificate in Energy, Innovation, and Sustainability Law
- JD/LLM in Environmental and Natural Resources Law
- LLM in Environmental and Natural Resources Law
- Online LLM in Environmental and Natural Resources Law
- MSL in Environmental and Natural Resources Law
- Online MSL in Environmental and Natural Resources Law

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# Introduction

Our Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program is ranked among the top in the nation. Led by passionate faculty, many of whom are practicing attorneys within their areas of specialty, the program offers a wide range of opportunities for students, including the conservation of natural resources, sustainable development, energy law and policy, food law, and climate change. With one of the most extensive environmental, natural resources, and energy law curricula available anywhere, our students have great flexibility and the potential for careful focus.

Within environmental law, students may choose to pursue one of two JD certificates. For those who do not want to practice law, but who would benefit professionally or personally from a greater understanding of environmental regulation, we also offer a master's program which can be completed in as little as one year.

## Portland: An Ideal Setting for Environmental Law Education

Portland is nationally recognized for its sustainability initiatives and livability. The Pacific Northwest provides opportunities to observe resource use and environmental quality issues, such as river dams used for electric power generation, protection of fish and wildlife, water for irrigated agriculture, and waterborne commerce.

The region is a focal point for discussions of biodiversity and endangered species, and the area's high-technology industry allows students to study the integration of business issues with environmental issues.

Our environmental program is headquartered in Wood Hall, an award-winning, LEED-certified building on the law school campus.

## JD Certificates

We currently offer two JD certificates within the environmental law department.

### Environmental and Natural Resources Law

This certificate is designed to recognize a concentration on environmental and natural resources law. Students can create their own focus by selecting individual courses and experiential opportunities from a vast array of options.

### Energy, Innovation, and Sustainability

Energy law is a dynamic and emerging field. The certificate provides an important blend of both environmental and business law courses to reflect the expected competencies of a future energy law practitioner.

For more details about JD certificate requirements, visit [go.lclark.edu/energy\\_law\\_certificate](http://go.lclark.edu/energy_law_certificate).

### LLM Degree: Online or On Campus

Students who already hold a law degree and want to emphasize environmental or natural resources law in practice, teaching, research, or public policy can earn an LLM degree. LLM students complete at least 26 semester hours of study. As part of the LLM seminar, students complete a paper on an environmental topic of their choice and present it for review and discussion. A special course prepares international students for the study of US environmental law.

## Joint JD/LLM Degree

This program allows Lewis & Clark law students to receive both the JD and LLM degrees in less time than it would take to pursue the two degrees separately. Students opting for this program will first complete all of the requirements for the JD degree and then move into the LLM phase of the program. Applicants can apply to the joint degree program at the same time they apply to the JD program or after they have started the JD program at Lewis & Clark.

## MSL (Master of Studies in Law) Degree: Online or On Campus

The MSL degree in environmental, natural resources, and energy law degree is designed for college graduates and professionals who want to learn about environmental law to enhance their professional goals without seeking a law degree. MSL students sit in the same classes as our law students and are taught by our experienced environmental faculty.

# Environmental Law: Beyond the Classroom

## Experiential Learning On Campus

### Earthrise Law Center

Earthrise is the law school's domestic environmental law clinic, representing individual citizens and public interest organizations in litigation and administrative actions. With locations in three cities across the U.S.—Portland, San Francisco, and Boston—Earthrise cases focus on endangered species, air quality, water quality, public lands, renewable energy, and climate change. Under the supervision of experienced faculty, students work 10 to 12 hours per week on actual cases across a broad spectrum of environmental issues. The clinic is a 2-semester experience and is open to rising 2L, 3L, and current LLM students. Earthrise also hires full-time, paid law clerks during the summer, and clerkships may be based in any of its three offices.

### Global Law Alliance for Animals and the Environment (GLAAE)

GLAAE is a partnering between our world renowned Center for Animal Law Studies and the number-one ranked Environmental Law Program. The clinic is a champion for wild animals and wild spaces across the globe, working to protect animals and the environment through the development, implementation, and enforcement of international law. Students actively participate in ongoing cases and projects of the Global Law Alliance. In addition to learning substantive international environmental law and international wildlife

law, students have the opportunity to deepen their research, problem solving, analytical, and writing skills.

### The Western Resources Legal Center (WRLC) Practicum

The WRLC offers an advanced practicum focused on the legal needs of private individuals and businesses in the environmental and natural resources fields. Students interview and counsel clients, conduct factual investigations, problem solve, draft documents, negotiate agreements, and represent clients at administrative hearings, trials, and appeals. This practicum is offered during semesters when the caseload of the WRLC allows.

### Northwest Environmental Defense Center (NEDC)

A separate nonprofit environmental advocacy organization housed at the law school, NEDC works on matters that include wetlands, forestry, endangered species, and Clean Water Act issues. Law students do legal research and write pleadings and memoranda, as well as draft and present legislative testimony under the supervision of skilled local environmental lawyers. While students do not earn academic credit for their work with NEDC, they have flexibility to volunteer on one or two smaller projects to get a feel for environmental law practice or to devote time to significant long-term projects.

### Environmental Moot Court

JD students can participate in the fall semester moot court to develop skills in appellate brief writing and oral advocacy.

In the spring, Lewis & Clark teams regularly qualify to compete in the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition in New York. In fact, the Lewis & Clark team has won the national competition more than any other law school.

### National Environmental Negotiation Competitions

Lewis & Clark participates in the Merhige National Environmental Negotiation Competition in Virginia. Negotiating teams, usually representing a government agency and a regulated company, work out mutually beneficial agreements to resolve complex environmental conflicts.

## Experiential Learning Off Campus

### Environmental and Natural Resources Law Practicum

The Environmental and Natural Resources Law Practicum offers placements at municipal, state, and federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, businesses, and law firms.

## Externships

Lewis & Clark students have externed in major environmental and resource agencies, Congress, corporations, Indian tribes, private law firms, and international settings that include the Center for International Environmental Law in Geneva and the Center for Human Rights and Environment in Argentina.

For a complete list, visit [go.lclark.edu/energy\\_law\\_externships](http://go.lclark.edu/energy_law_externships).

## Environmental Courses Currently Offered

- Environmental Law
- Clean Air Act
- Clean Water Act
- Climate Change: International Law
- Climate Change: US Law and Policy
- Cultural Resources Protection
- Earthrise Ethics
- Energy Law: Electricity Regulation
- Energy Resources: Law and Policy
- Environmental Enforcement
- Environmental Justice
- Environmental Law Advocacy  
Environmental Litigation
- Environmental Negotiation and  
Mediation
- Environmental Prosecution
- Food, Agriculture, and Environmental  
Law \*
- Forest Law and Policy
- Hazardous Waste Law
- International Environmental Law
- International Wildlife Law
- Land Use Planning
- Law of Columbia River
- Law, Science and Environment
- Legal Research: Environmental Law
- Native American Natural Resources Law
- Natural Resources Law
- Northwest Energy Law
- Ocean and Coastal Law
- Oregon Land Use
- Public Lands and Resources Law
- Public Trust
- Renewable Energy Law and Policy
- Renewable Energy Development and  
Finance
- Supreme Court and the Environment
- Sustainability in Law and Business
- Toxic Torts
- Water Law
- Wildlife Law



## Research and Academia

### Environmental Law Review

Lewis & Clark's *Environmental Law Review* was the first law review in the country devoted exclusively to environmental law issues and remains the foremost publication for environmental and natural resources scholarship. The journal also hosts a separate online journal as a forum for professors, attorneys, students, and other interested professionals to discuss cutting-edge environmental law and policy issues. Participation in *Environmental Law* is open to all 2L and 3L students who meet the minimum GPA requirement.

### Academic Conferences, Lectures, and Symposia

As a trailblazer in this area of the law, Lewis & Clark has long sought to advance understanding and scholarship within the environmental, natural resources, and energy field. Each year, Lewis & Clark hosts several conferences, lectures, and colloquiums that feature prominent scholars. These events bring the legal community together to learn about emerging issues in this dynamic field of law, and students can often attend at low or no cost.

#### NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CONFERENCE

Past conference themes include water law in the 21st century, legal frameworks for carbon neutrality, climate change, the protection of public lands, and air pollution regulation.

#### ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED ENVIRONMENTAL LAW LECTURE

For over 20 years, Lewis & Clark's Natural Resources Law Institute has hosted an annual Distinguished Environmental Law Visitor. The visitor is a renowned environmental scholar invited to Lewis & Clark during the fall semester to share their expertise with our students and the legal community. Distinguished Visitor lectures are free and open to the public.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL LAW COLLOQUIA

Throughout the year, colloquia open to the entire law school community bring experienced practitioners, activists, filmmakers, and government officials to campus to discuss a wide variety of emerging topics dealing with the regulation and conservation of natural resources.

#### ANNUAL FOOD LAW SYMPOSIUM

In collaboration with the Animal Law and Business Law Programs, each year Lewis & Clark hosts a Food Law Symposium that focuses on food law and policy. Past symposia have focused on environmental and food justice impacts in our food system, the business of food law, and the industrialization of food and its impact on food safety.

## Student Groups

### Coalition Advocating Transportation Solutions (CATS)

CATS promotes the use of alternative transportation to and from campus such as walking, biking, carpools, shuttles, and buses.

### Environmental Justice Advocates (EJA)

EJA empowers and aids underserved communities and communities of color to self-determine their environmental values, particularly with regard to equitable distribution of environmental burdens and benefits, human health, and public welfare.

### Environmental Law Caucus (ELC)

ELC is dedicated to educating the Lewis & Clark Law School community about environmental issues and fostering environmental stewardship, whether on or off campus.

### Ocean Research and Conservation Alliance (ORCA)

Dedicated to the conservation and celebration of marine ecosystems, ORCA works to support legal research and outreach across the fields of international, environmental, and animal law, among others.

### Students for Eliminating Environmental Discrimination (SEED)

SEED's mission is to provide a forum to discuss environmental justice from intersectional perspectives, including voices from academic communities and beyond. SEED seeks to provide context for the social and historical sources of environmental injustice.

### Student Advocates for Business and Environmental Responsibility (SABER)

SABER is dedicated to promoting collaboration between environmental advocacy groups, governmental agencies, and the business sector in order to recognize the role each stakeholder plays in resolving issues pertinent to all.

### Students for International Environmental Law (SIEL)

SIEL promotes education and collaboration on issues of international environmental law within the Lewis & Clark community at the local, national, and global levels.





# Intellectual Property Law

The Intellectual Property (IP) Law Program prepares students for practice and alternative careers in a full range of IP areas, including trademark, copyright, and licensing. In addition to a rigorous curriculum and a variety of practical skills offerings, students have many opportunities to engage with the region's IP law community through special events and gatherings both on and off campus. Our IP Law Program continually evolves to reflect trends and changes in this dynamic field of law.

JD Certificate in Intellectual Property Law

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# Introduction

The intellectual property curriculum at Lewis & Clark extends beyond core courses in copyright, patent, and trademark law. Furthermore, students can gain practical skills through clinics, internships, and a legal practicum course.

In addition, students build a strong foundation of business law—necessary for all IP lawyers—through Lewis & Clark’s traditional business law courses and transactional courses that provide practical experience.

## JD Certificate

The certificate requires students to complete two of the following courses—Copyright Law, Patent Law and Policy, or Trademark and Unfair Competition Law, and a number of specialized elective courses. Students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average or higher in all courses to satisfy certificate requirements. In addition, students must complete a substantial written work on a topic directly related to intellectual property law. To keep up with the ever-changing dimensions of intellectual property law practice, Lewis & Clark offers a comprehensive selection of elective courses that include:

- Antitrust Law
- Copyright Law
- Data Privacy and Security Compliance
- Entertainment Law
- Independent Study (on an IP law topic)
- Information Privacy Law
- Intellectual Property Survey
- IP: Advanced Copyright Seminar
- Law and Economics
- Patent Law and Policy
- Patent Litigation
- Patent Prosecution
- Practicum: Intellectual Property
- Small Business Legal Clinic
- Small Business Legal Clinic Patent Program
- Sports Law
- Technology Transfer and Licensing
- Telecommunications Law
- Trademark and Unfair Competition Law

For a full list of certificate requirements, visit [go.lclark.edu/ip\\_law](http://go.lclark.edu/ip_law).

# Intellectual Property: Beyond the Classroom

Hands-on learning is an integral part of becoming an IP attorney capable of meeting the demands of IP law practice. As such, our IP Law Program offers an array of opportunities to gain practical experience and learn from seasoned practitioners.

## Experiential Learning

### U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Certified Patent Internship Program

Students with a special interest in intellectual property law have the opportunity to focus on copyright, trademark, and patent matters while interning with the Small Business Legal Clinic (SBLC) in downtown Portland. Lewis & Clark’s SBLC is the only USPTO-certified law school clinic in Oregon. This unique designation authorizes qualified interns working under the supervision of faculty to file actual trademarks and patents before the USPTO, register copyrights for artwork and educational materials, and file provisional patents on behalf of low-income business owners. Patent internships welcome students with a background in mechanical, electrical, or software engineering.

### Small Business Legal Clinic (SBLC)

SBLC students not enrolled in the patent internship program also gain hands-on experience by helping local entrepreneurs navigate common intellectual property law-related business matters, from filing business formation documents to drafting licensing agreements. Over the years, SBLC has served over 900 emerging businesses and local entrepreneurs.

## Externships

Lewis & Clark students have gained hands-on IP law experience in a variety of legal settings, from law firms focusing on IP litigation to corporations like Sony Records and Nike. Students can find an externship through one of the many placements announced by the Office of Career Services, but they are also encouraged to develop their own. Externships can be completed for 3 to 12 credits, and can take place within the U.S. or abroad. For more details, visit [go.lclark.edu/law\\_externships](http://go.lclark.edu/law_externships).

## Events

Lewis & Clark hosts a number of annual events, speaker series, and workshops to connect students with practicing IP attorneys and scholars in the region and from all over the nation.

### DISTINGUISHED IP LAW VISITOR SERIES

Each year, Lewis & Clark welcomes a distinguished judge or practitioner to lecture, participate in IP law classes, and engage with students and faculty. Past distinguished visitors have included judges who have presided over high-profile IP law cases, and IP law professors and experts.

### IP IN THE TREES WORKSHOP SERIES

This scholarly workshop series brings a mix of senior scholars and rising stars to campus for enriching, challenging conversations with faculty, students, and the local IP community. The workshops provide a forum for scholars to discuss their ideas and to receive feedback from readers who take a genuine interest in their papers. Past topics have included free speech challenges to trademark law, trade secret law, and the ownership of personal property in the digital economy.

## Student Groups

Student groups focused on IP law host regular events to network with practicing IP law attorneys to continue learning outside the classroom.

### Data Privacy Group

The Data Privacy Group offers students the opportunity to learn more about Data Privacy and Security Law. The group connects students with different opportunities and learning experiences to gain a better understanding of an exciting new field of law.

### Intellectual Property Student Organization (IPSO)

The Intellectual Property Student Organization was organized in 1997 as a forum for discussing IP law and to meet and interact with those working in the fields of IP law, including patent law, and copyright and trademark law. IPSO supports invited speakers, cosponsors campus events, and keeps students and faculty updated on current events involving IP law.

### Entertainment, Art, and Sports Law Society (EASL)

EASL was formed to give students a forum to learn and discuss the complex legal issues involved with current entertainment, arts, and sports law practice. The group strives to connect students with practitioners by organizing speakers, panel discussions, and social events.





# International Law

Lewis & Clark's International Law Program is designed to give students the foundation of knowledge and skills necessary to successfully address transactions, disputes, and other matters with an international legal component. The broad curriculum, practical skills offerings, ongoing engagement with the academic community, and opportunities to learn and work abroad prepare students to thrive in an increasingly global economy.

JD Certificate in International Law

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# Introduction

Our International Law Program offers a broad international law curriculum, with particular focus on practical skills and engagement with the legal and academic community on international issues. Our program is designed to cover certain specific areas within the realm of international law.

## Public International Law

Public international law governs the structure and conduct of sovereign states and analogous entities. Among the topics covered by these courses are recognition of states, self-determination, human rights law, international criminal law, the use of force, and the international commons.

## International Business Law

International business law includes international and domestic law governing commercial transactions between parties from different countries. Courses in this area cover topics including international sales of goods, trade law, import and export regulation, distributorships and franchising, foreign investment, international intellectual property law, labor and employment law, and corporate social responsibility.

## International Dispute Resolution

International dispute resolution concerns methods for resolving disputes between parties from different countries and the legal frameworks governing those methods. Students learn about topics including international civil litigation in U.S. courts, international arbitration, mediation, negotiation, and conflicts of law.

## International Environmental Law

International environmental law involves international treaties, principles, and other norms to protect natural resources and the environment. Courses address pollution prevention, international trade in both wildlife and hazardous wastes, protection of biological diversity, ozone depletion, and climate change.

## Comparative Law

Comparative law is the study of similarities and differences between the domestic laws of two or more countries.

## JD Certificate

Students must successfully complete four core classes and five credits of elective courses chosen from a list of approved courses. Before graduation, students must also write a substantial work focused exclusively on one or more topics relating to international law. Complete certificate requirements can be found online at [go.lclark.edu/international\\_law\\_curriculum](http://go.lclark.edu/international_law_curriculum).

# International Law: Beyond the Classroom

Work experience either at a domestic organization doing international work or abroad is key to being prepared for scholarship and practice with a strong international component. Lewis & Clark offers students extensive opportunities to work and learn abroad that go beyond traditional overseas programs.

## Experiential Learning

### Studying Abroad

Lewis & Clark students can earn credit abroad through any American Bar Association-approved program, or at one of several foreign educational institutions with which Lewis & Clark has an established relationship. The latter includes three law schools in India, multiple law schools in Europe, one law school in South Korea, and another in Turkey. Lewis & Clark also partners with the University of San Diego and Santa Clara University for summer study abroad programs in Europe, Asia, Latin America, and Australia.

### Global Law Alliance for Animals and the Environment (GLAAE)

GLAAE works to resolve pressing international animal and environmental concerns with a strategic approach. Legal experts partner with non-governmental organizations, governments, and international institutions to use citizen mechanisms, legislative reforms, international law and policy, and compliance and enforcement opportunities to protect wild animals and the environment. Through active participation in the work, the Global Law Alliance also provides new generations of lawyers with legal and practical training in international animal and environmental law.

The Global Law Alliance's work always includes a heavy focus on international wildlife law, including both marine and terrestrial wildlife, and sometimes their docket expands to issues of international trade, climate change, forest conservation, and other pressing international matters. Work will range from preparing for meetings relating to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) or the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), to assessing domestic legislation in order to strengthen opportunities to combat wildlife crime, to filing petitions, drafting legal opinions, and engaging in other means of strategic legal intervention in support of the Global Law Alliance's priorities.



## Externships in the U.S. and Abroad

Earn academic credit while completing work abroad or domestically over a summer or an entire semester. Each externship can be tailored specifically to your academic and career goals. You may identify and arrange a placement independently or take advantage of Lewis & Clark-arranged summer externships in India or China.

Our students have arranged independent externships on every continent. Examples include placements at Nike's European headquarters and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in the Netherlands; at law firms in China, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, the United Kingdom, Spain, and Italy; at a variety of law firms and law-related nongovernmental organizations in India; at human rights and environmental nongovernmental organizations in Africa and South America; and at the U.S. Embassy in Paris.

## Study Abroad

Students at Lewis & Clark can take advantage of two types of opportunities to study overseas.

Students can study in Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East by taking advantage of study abroad partnerships with University of San Diego, Santa Clara University.

Students can also participate in an international exchange with one of our eight premier partner institutions around the world:

- Abo Akademi, Turku, Finland (primarily focused on Animal Law studies)
- Freie Universität, Berlin
- Kangwon University, Republic of Korea
- National Law School University, Delhi
- National Law School of India University, Bangalore
- NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad
- University of Glasgow, Scotland
- Koç University Law School, Turkey



## Research and Academia

### International Law Seminars

The International Law Program offers specialized courses and seminars that focus on applied learning. Examples include a workshop involving a partnership with the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO) to provide expert analysis of human rights issues, and the Global Law Alliance for Animals and the Environment conducting foreign field research seminars in Kenya and Ecuador, respectively.

### Distinguished Visitor Lecture Series

Each year, the international law faculty invites experts from academia, practice, and the judiciary to speak and engage the community at Lewis & Clark. These events draw members of the local legal community to campus and provide valuable opportunities for students to network.

### Jessup International Moot Court Competition

Lewis & Clark is home to a competitive Jessup International Moot Court Team, which often competes at both the national and international levels, and has won a national championship. Each year, the competition simulates a dispute between countries before the International Court of Justice. Since 2009, Lewis & Clark has been the regional host for the competition.

## Student Groups

### International Law Society (ILS)

Lewis & Clark's local chapter of the International Law Student's Association, together with the International Law Program, hosts a number of events that provide students with opportunities to network with international law professionals, faculty, and develop their leadership skills.

### Students for International Environmental Law (SIEL)

SIEL promotes education and collaboration on issues of international environmental law within the Lewis & Clark community at the local, national, and global levels.



# Public Interest Law

Lewis & Clark is a leader in preparing students for careers in public interest. Our graduates go on to serve the public by working for civil legal services organizations, nonprofit organizations, public defense organizations, prosecutors' offices, government agencies, by lobbying for the advancement of rights, and more.

JD Certificate in Public Interest Law

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# Introduction

## Understanding Public Interest Law

Public interest work is not confined to any one political ideology; it is work undertaken to advance concepts of justice, fairness, and protection of the public, rather than for purposes of commercial or personal gain. Public interest lawyers work for access to justice for everyone, regardless of their background or income.

\*The full public interest course list, level designations, and the course and paper combinations that satisfy the certificate requirements are listed at [go.lclark.edu/law\\_certificate\\_programs](http://go.lclark.edu/law_certificate_programs).

Lewis & Clark offers a nationally-recognized Public Interest Law Program with a large portion of our graduates each year entering full-time, long-term careers in the government and not-for-profit sectors. We offer a wide array of classes, experiences, and resources designed to prepare you for a public interest career.

Our clinics provide opportunities for hands-on experience while working with experienced clinical professors in areas such as low-income taxpayer assistance, small business legal support, and community law projects. In addition to a wide variety of courses focusing on common legal topics in public interest law, we offer a significant amount of courses specially

designed to prepare students for the realities of public interest practice, such as nonprofit law. There are also courses specially designed to prepare students for public interest practice, and nonprofit volunteer work opportunities are available immediately to students through the Pro Bono and Community Service Program, student organization projects, and internships and externships.

After graduation, Lewis & Clark's alumni network and Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) are valuable assets as you start your public interest career. For students interested in public interest career paths, a dedicated director of public interest law on staff in our Office of Career Services provides personalized counseling and career guidance.

## JD Certificate

Because public interest careers exist in all different areas of the law, there are many possible areas of focus within this certificate program, including health, disability, and aging; labor and employment; consumer law; international law and immigration; family and juvenile law; civil rights; and Indian law. For complete details on certificate requirements, visit [go.lclark.edu/law\\_certificate\\_programs](http://go.lclark.edu/law_certificate_programs).

# Public Interest Law: Beyond the Classroom

## Experiential Learning

### Clinics

All of Lewis & Clark's clinics provide free or low-cost legal assistance to underserved populations and organizations, or complete projects that raise awareness of important social justice issues. Each clinic offers students the chance to gain practical experience that will prepare them for success in practice while serving the public and making real change.

Our clinics:

- Animal Law Clinic
- Criminal Justice Reform Clinic
- Earthrise Law Center
- Global Law Alliance for Animals and the Environment
- Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic
- National Crime Victim Law Institute
- Small Business Legal Clinic

### Externships

Public interest externship placements are found across the country and around the world in nonprofits, government offices, and nongovernmental organizations. Past externship employers have included Oregon Public Broadcasting, the Center for International Environmental Law, Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services, Civil Liberties Defense Center, the Oregon Innocence Project, and the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Pro bono is legal volunteer work done for low-income individuals, nonprofits, the courts, or the government. Through pro bono experiences, interested students have an opportunity to act as volunteer legal interns with public service organizations. Participating students who complete 30 hours of work are recognized through a Pro Bono Honors Program and a Community Service Honors Program.



### Payment for Summer Work

Many public interest organizations offer opportunities for students to work with attorneys over the summer but do not have enough funding to pay students for working in positions that would otherwise be unpaid. Stipend recipients may receive up to \$5,000 for 350 hours of work over 10 weeks, or up to \$2,500 for 175 hours of work.

The Lezak Legacy Fellowship also grants stipends to law students with a history of working for social justice or who plan to work for social justice.

Additionally, government and nonprofit legal employers may hire students with federal work-study dollars. To receive federal work-study, students must qualify financially and the employers must be awarded a contract.

### Specialized Career Assistance

#### NORTHWEST PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER FAIRS

Lewis & Clark organizes the Northwest Public Service Career Fairs in Seattle and Portland, bringing together public interest organizations and government offices in each city to talk to students about their work and the opportunities they have both for student interns and graduates.

#### LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Our Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) helps ease the debt burdens of graduates who choose to work in public interest jobs. LRAP supports access to justice by allowing graduates working in the public interest field to make ends meet, enabling public interest employers to hire more attorneys within their budgets. Awards are based on income level, debt burden, history of public interest work, and type of employment.



## Student Groups

### Environmental Justice Advocates (EJA)

EJA empowers and aids underserved communities and communities of color to self-determine their environmental values.

### Minority Student Organizations

In addition to arranging social and cultural events, Lewis & Clark's minority law student organizations participate in local community service events and programs.

### National Lawyers Guild (NLG)

NLG advocates for progressive change in the structure of our political and economic systems. Our chapter of the NLG sponsors on-campus speakers and participates in public interest projects.

### Northwest Environmental Defense Center (NEDC)

NEDC provides legal support to individuals and organizations with environmental concerns, and engages in litigation both independently and in conjunction with other environmental groups.

### Public Interest Law Project (PILP)

PILP funds stipends for select law students who work in the public interest legal field during the summer. PILP also assists in funding to relieve the debt burden for graduates who pursue public interest work.

### Immigration Student Group (ISG)

ISG seeks to promote awareness and understanding of immigration issues within the United States and around the world. ISG strongly encourages hands-on involvement with the immigrant community, and coordinates regular volunteer trips to detention centers to provide help to parents and children seeking asylum.

### Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF)

SALDF enhances the welfare and legal status of animals and hosts the nation's largest annual animal law conference along with Lewis & Clark's Center for Animal Law Studies.





The law school encourages applications from persons in groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession.

Lewis & Clark Law School is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools. The law school follows the letter and spirit of all equal opportunity and civil rights laws.

Lewis & Clark adheres to a nondiscriminatory policy with respect to employment, enrollment, and program. Lewis & Clark does not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, sex, religion, age, marital status, national origin, the presence of any physical or sensory disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender

identity, gender expression, or any other basis prohibited by applicable federal, state, and local laws, and has a firm commitment to promote the letter and spirit of all equal opportunity and civil rights laws, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, as well as their implementing regulations. Questions regarding Title IX may be directed to one of Lewis & Clark's Title IX coordinators ([go.lclark.edu/about/title\\_ix](http://go.lclark.edu/about/title_ix)) or to the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

Lewis & Clark is committed to using resources wisely. [go.lclark.edu/printing\\_practices](http://go.lclark.edu/printing_practices). 8/22. QB4066

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