

CERTIFICATE IN CRIMINAL LAW & PROCEDURE

Students qualify for a certificate by satisfying the requirements set forth below. Course credit may be allowed, in the discretion of the Director of the Criminal Law Program, for one course, of up to three (3) units of credit, taken at another law school. In that event, only the credit earned for that course will be applied to the certificate. The grade earned for the course will not be counted in determining the student's GPA for the certificate.

A. Course Requirements To obtain the certificate, a student must complete the following course requirements:

Level 1

All of the following:

- CJ: Criminal Procedure I
- CJ: Criminal Procedure II
- CJ: Criminal Law I
- Evidence

Level 2

One of the following:

- CJ: Comparative Criminal Law & Procedure Seminar
- CJ: Crime Victim Litigation Clinic
- CJ: Criminal Law II (formerly Subst. Crim. Law II)
- CJ: Guns and Drugs Seminar
- CJ: Juvenile Justice Seminar
- CJ: Oregon Criminal Procedure Seminar
- CJ: Victims in Criminal Procedure
- Environmental Enforcement
- Individual Research (criminal law or procedure topic)
- Any class with "CJ" designation in the title unless listed for Levels 1 or 3.

Level 3

One of the following:

- CIS: Criminal Law Seminar
- CJ: Criminal Practice Seminar
- Externship: Criminal Justice*
- Moot Court, as indicated**
- Trial Advocacy

B. Writing Requirement To obtain the certificate, a student must complete one paper that involves substantial independent research and, in addition, that satisfies the following criteria:

- a. The paper must concern one or more topics focusing directly on criminal law, criminal procedure, or both.
- b. The paper must satisfy the criteria for either the "A" or "B" writing requirement. If the Director certifies that these criteria are met, it is immaterial whether the student actually uses the paper to fulfill the "A" or "B" writing requirements.

Students should plan ahead in determining how to meet the writing requirement. In particular, it is important to consider the following:

- Some "B" papers may not meet the requirement for substantial independent research (for example, moot court briefs or memoranda in which the professor has artificially limited the scope of the problem or the research allowed).
- There will be a strong presumption against allowing co-authored papers to qualify for the Certificate.
- The student has the burden of ensuring that the paper topic and scope meet the Certificate requirements. If there is any doubt, the student should initiate a consultation among the student, the supervising faculty member, and the Administrator early in the paper process.

C. Grade Point Requirements: The student must maintain a grade point average of B minus (2.70) or better in courses taken and selected as qualifying for the Certificate.***

* 3 credits of the graded portion will be counted in determining the student's GPA for the certificate.

** The following Moot Court Competitions are included as developing litigation or client counseling skills that are applicable to a criminal practice: Moot Court: Appellate Advocacy; Moot Court: Client Counseling; Moot Court: Mock Trial; ABA Negotiation; Moot Court: Environmental Law; Moot Court: Jessup International Law; Moot Court NALSA; Moot Court ABA: Taxation

*** This requirement is subject to change depending upon any changes in the grading system or required mean that might be adopted by the faculty.