



Declaration of Intention to Fulfill the J.D. Concentration in Public Interest Law

The following declaration constitutes your enrollment in this Concentration and will be placed in your official student records.

Name: _____ **Student ID Number:** _____

Curricular Requirements

To obtain the J.D. Concentration in Public Interest Law, students must take at least 15 units of Core and Elective Courses. In addition, to obtain the Concentration, a student must provide at least 75 hours of pro bono public service cumulatively during law school through our Public Service Program. Students can obtain a list of suggested opportunities that qualify for public service by visiting the Southwestern Public Service Program TWEN website or the Southwestern Legal Clinic, or by communicating with Professor Laura Dym Cohen, Director of Public Service Programs. A student who completes the requirements for the J.D. Concentration will receive a "Concentration in Public Interest Law" designation on the student's transcript. A student who completes the program with at least 6 graded credits of core and elective courses and graduates with a GPA in Concentration courses of 3.33 or higher will receive a "Concentration in Public Interest Law with Honors" designation on the student's transcript. A student's Concentration grade point average will be calculated at the time of the student's graduation in the following manner: (1) every graded course a student has taken on the list of Core and Elective Concentration courses is included in the Concentration grade point average and weighted in accordance with the number of credits of the course; and (2) a student's grades in the Constitutional Law I & II and Legal Profession courses will also be included in the Concentration grade point average and weighted in accordance with each course's credits. Not all courses are offered every year, and students must meet all course prerequisites and requirements. This Concentration does not change any course prerequisites.

Core Courses

To satisfy the Core Course requirement, students must complete the following: (1) at least one Foundational Substantive Course; (2) at least two courses and at least 6 credits of Clinic, Externship, or Practicum courses; and (3) at least one course and 2 credits of Skills courses. Additional units of Core Courses may count toward the additional units of Elective Courses required to complete the Concentration.

Elective Courses

To the extent that the required 15 units for the Concentration are not satisfied by a student's taking additional Core Courses beyond the required units of Core Courses, students must satisfy the Concentration's required 15 units through Elective Courses.

To obtain a current list of Core and Elective Courses (including the courses that satisfy the Core Course requirements for Foundational Substantive Courses; Clinic, Externship, or Practicum Courses; and Skills Courses), please check the Southwestern Website at <https://www.swlaw.edu/curriculum/concentrations-and-customizations>.

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