

SOUTHWESTERN

LAW SCHOOL Los Angeles, CA

Concentrations Policy

Faculty policy.

Revision history: Formerly a part of the Grading and Scholastic Honors policy; established as a standalone policy in May 2024; also updated in May 2024 to include the Online J.D. Program; technical edits made in September 2025; edits made in August 2026 to reflect the addition of a fifth Online J.D. Program concentration, effective January 2026.

Related policies/form: Declaration of Intention Form

Scheduled Review Date: June 2028 (Student Services Office)

Southwestern offers seven J.D. Concentrations in the following areas of law:

- Civil Litigation & Advocacy*
- Critical Race, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- Criminal Law & Advocacy*
- Entertainment & Media Law*
- Labor and Employment Law
- Public Interest Law*
- Technology Law & Entrepreneurship*

The concentrations are open only to Southwestern students enrolled in a J.D. program. The concentrations are optional and not required.

The Online J.D. Program currently offers the five concentrations marked with an asterisk. Students enrolled in the Online J.D. Program who are able to complete requirements for the other concentrations may declare those concentrations even though they are not officially offered through the Online J.D. Program.

Students must submit a Declaration of Intention form to the Registrar's Office to declare their intent to fulfill a J.D. Concentration. Students may submit the Declaration of Intention at any time, but no later than the add/drop deadline of their final semester.

For information about J.D. Concentrations and their requirements, visit our [J.D. Concentrations and Customizations webpage](https://www.swlaw.edu/curriculum/concentrations-and-customizations) (https://www.swlaw.edu/curriculum/concentrations-and-customizations).

Southwestern reserves the right to change the requirements for any J.D. Concentration at any time, with or without notice.

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