

## **Criminal Law Certificate**

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The Criminal Law Certificate will appeal to students who are interested in positions as prosecutors, public defenders, or private defense counsel. Like the certificate in Civil Litigation, it encompasses courses in advocacy and litigation skills which are applicable in a wide variety of litigation fields; the Criminal Law Certificate also includes advanced courses in a variety of subjects in substantive criminal law and criminal procedure, as well as experiential learning opportunities tailored to criminal practice areas. Many Coastal Law graduates have begun their legal careers in criminal law, and the field provides new attorneys with rapid exposure to heavy caseloads and strong personal responsibility. The Criminal Law Certificate is designed to give graduates a strong foundation for taking advantage of those opportunities.

### **COURSEWORK**

- All new JD students must take Criminal Law (3 credits) and Criminal Procedure (3 credits).
- Students need to earn 12 credits from the following:

#### **REQUIRED COURSES** (3 credits)

Advanced Criminal Procedure

**CREDITS**

3

#### **ELECTIVE COURSES** (9 credits)

White Collar Crime

3

Federal Criminal Law

2-3

Criminal Pre-Trial Practice

2

Immigration Law

2-3

Immigration Considerations for the Criminal Defense Attorney

1

Interviewing and Counseling

1-2

Interviewing and Counseling Clinic Add On Module

1

International Criminal Law

2-3

U.S. Military Law at Home and Abroad

3

Victims in Criminal Procedure

2

Wrongful Convictions

1-2

Trial Practice Lecture

1

Trial Practice Workshop (EL)

2

Immigrant and Human Rights Clinic (EL)

4-6

Advanced Immigrant and Human Rights Clinic (EL)

1-3

Seal and Expunge Practitioner Clinic (EL)

1-2

Criminal Law Externship (EL)

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\* Clinic and Externship credits are determined by appropriate faculty members.