

**Legal Research, Writing, and Drafting Certificate**  
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The Research, Writing, and Drafting Certificate Program will allow students to specialize in the legal analysis, research, oral advocacy and writing skills needed for success in law practice.

Students will complete various writing assignments to showcase to prospective employers during interview, including objective memoranda, research reports, persuasive memos or briefs, transactional documents, and others.

No other law school in Florida offers students such a certificate.

**COURSEWORK**

- All new JD students must take Legal Research and Analysis (3 credits) and Writing for Law Practice (3 Practice).
- In addition, all new JD students must take either Pretrial Litigation Drafting (3 credits) or Transactional Drafting (3 credits) to satisfy the ABA upper-level writing requirement. Students taking Pretrial Litigation Drafting to fulfill the ABA upper-level writing requirement may take Transactional Drafting as an elective. Students taking Transactional Drafting to satisfy the ABA upper-level writing requirement may take Pretrial Litigation Drafting as an elective.
- For students who select **Pretrial Litigation Drafting** to satisfy the upper-level writing requirement, the certificate requires 11 Credits from the following:

<b><u>ELECTIVE COURSES</u></b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
Transactional Drafting	3
Advanced Legal Research	3
Appellate Advocacy (EL)	3
Judicial Writing	3
Advanced Online Legal Research	1
Legal Editing	1

- For students who select **Transactional Drafting** to satisfy the upper-level writing requirement, 11 Credits from the following:

<b><u>ELECTIVE COURSES</u></b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
Pretrial Litigation Drafting	3
Advanced Legal Research	3
Appellate Advocacy (EL)	3
Judicial Writing	3
Advanced Online Legal Research	1
Legal Editing	1