

# ADVOCACY CERTIFICATE



The Certificate in Advocacy program emphasizes the development of knowledge, skills and values necessary for effective advocacy and client representation.

This program is designed for current J.D. students who have a particular interest in advocacy, including litigation, mediation and arbitration.

The certificate program will make graduates more attractive candidates to prospective employers and will equip those graduates who decide to “hang out a shingle” after they graduate to “hit the ground running.”

## CURRICULUM

### REQUIRED COURSES

Students choose a minimum of 9 credit hours from the skills training requirement list and at least 9 credit hours from the experiential course list.

### ELECTIVE COURSES

Students take a selection of litigation, advocacy and other law classes to complete the certificate.

### WRITING REQUIREMENT

Students must complete a substantial writing project on a related topic.

### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students may participate in advocacy extracurricular activities, such as:

- Workshops and training sessions
- Client-focused projects
- Work with affiliated faculty as a GRA
- Summer internship placements

**1 OF 2**

ADVOCACY CERTIFICATE  
PROGRAMS OFFERED IN  
GEORGIA

**18+**

CREDIT HOURS TO  
COMPLETE A CERTIFICATE  
IN ADVOCACY

**#25**

RANKED TRIAL ADVOCACY  
PROGRAM\*

**#27**

RANKED CLINICAL TRAINING  
PROGRAM\*

*\* U.S. News & World Report 2021*



## POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Prosecutors
- Public defenders
- Trial attorneys
- Mediators
- Arbitrators
- Solo/private litigation practice

## HOW TO ENROLL

Georgia State Law students can enroll in the certificate by visiting [law.gsu.edu/certificateform](http://law.gsu.edu/certificateform).

*“Participation in the trial advocacy program and mock trial competitions gave me a competitive edge for a summer associate position and increased my confidence in my litigation skills.”*

– Racquel McGee (J.D. '20)

## ATLANTA ADVANTAGE

**OUR LOCATION GIVES US AN EDGE.** Located in the heart of downtown with access to Atlanta’s landmarks, professional sports, global cuisine, cultural events and more.

### A FEW STEPS

- State Capitol
- Federal and state courts
- Major law firms
- Prosecutor and public defender offices
- Corporate in-house counsel
- Immigration court
- Legal services organizations
- Nonprofits

### A FEW MILES

- Federal District Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit
- Georgia Supreme Court
- Georgia Court of Appeals
- County trial courts

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