

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW & POLICY CERTIFICATE



The Certificate in Public Interest Law & Policy is offered through the College of Law Center for Access to Justice. The certificate prepares law students to serve traditionally underserved populations.

Experiential courses and pro bono volunteer opportunities put theory into practice. With real world connections and guidance from faculty conducting research in the Center for Access to Justice, students build a foundation for serving the public interest.

CURRICULUM

REQUIRED COURSES

- LAW 7117 Constitutional Law II: Individual Liberties
- LAW 7010 Administrative Law OR LAW 7225 Federal Courts

UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES

Students take one qualifying course focused on underrepresented communities.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Students take one qualifying experiential learning course, clinic or public interest externship.

WRITING REQUIREMENT

A substantial writing project on a public interest law and policy topic, which may also be used to satisfy the College of Law's writing requirement.

ELECTIVE COURSE

Choose two elective courses from a list of more than 70 public interest offerings.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Forty hours of approved pro bono work through the student-run Pro Bono Program. Pro bono legal work done outside the student-run Pro Bono Program is eligible, subject to approval.

A+

1 OF 12 SCHOOLS TO
RECEIVE AN A+ FOR
PUBLIC INTEREST LAW*

16+

CREDIT HOURS TO
COMPLETE A PILP
CERTIFICATE

3,000+

HOURS OF STUDENT PRO
BONO SERVICE SINCE 2017

** National Jurist 2018*



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POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Prosecutor
- Public defender
- Immigration attorney
- Civil rights attorney
- Legal aid lawyer
- Policy development and advocacy
- Government agency attorney
- Staff attorney at nonprofit organization

HOW TO ENROLL

Georgia State Law students can enroll in the certificate by visiting law.gsu.edu/certificateform.

The PILP certificate helped me choose courses that aligned with my interests while ensuring that I stayed well-rounded. The certificate was also an efficient and effective way to demonstrate to employers, both on my resume and during interviews, my commitment to public interest and service.

– Andy Navratil (J.D. '18)

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

- Southern Center for Human Rights
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- Atlanta Legal Aid Society
- Atlanta Immigration Court
- Georgia Watch
- Center for Civil and Human Rights
- State Capitol
- Federal and state courts
- Prosecutor and public defender offices

A FEW MILES

- Georgia Innocence Project
- Georgia Legal Services Program
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- 130 state agencies
- Four immigration detention centers

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