Clinics/Externships

Everything you want to know

And then some!
Why Take a Clinic or Externship?

• Learn and develop skills while actively practicing
• Help real people and work on real problems
• Receive supervision by experienced attorneys
• Assess different kinds of practice
• Assess life and work as a lawyer
• Become more ready to practice law after graduation
• Help with your job search
What Kinds of Clinical Programs Does UGA Offer?

- 17 clinics/practicums and externships
- 3 clinical programs in criminal justice and 14 clinical programs in different kinds of civil law practice
- The opportunities include:
  - In-house clinics: courses in which faculty both practice law and supervise students in the practice
  - Externships: courses in which students work for practices outside the law school
Law School Clinics, Externships, and Practicums

- Appellate Litigation Clinic*
- Atlanta Semester-in-Practice (full-time)
- Business Law Clinic
- Capital Assistance Project*
- Civil Externship*++
- Community Health Law Partnership Clinic (HeLP)+
- Corporate Counsel Externship* (full-time and part-time)
- Criminal Defense Practicum*+
- D.C. Semester-in-Practice (full-time)
- Environmental Law Practicum
- Jane W. Wilson Family Justice Clinic*+
- Mediation Practicum*+
- Practicum in Animal Welfare Skills (PAWS)
- Prosecutorial Justice Program*+
- Public Interest Practicum (PIP)
- Veterans Legal Clinic*+
- Wilbanks CEASE Clinic*+

*Also available during Summer Semester

+Students have potential to appear in court or other tribunal

++A few civil externship placements (e.g., Atlanta Legal Aid and Georgia Legal Services) offer students potential to appear in court or other tribunal
How many clinical programs can I take?

- You can earn up to 16 clinical credits:
  - The seminar portion of each clinic does not count
  - For example, in a 5 credit clinic with 2 hours of seminar, only 3 hours count towards the 16 credit cap
- Three clinics require more than one semester:
  - **Two semesters**: Appellate Litigation Clinic; Community Health Law Partnership Clinic (apply in the spring)
  - **Three semesters**: Prosecutorial Justice Program (apply in the fall)
- All other courses permit one or more semesters
- We discourage taking two clinical courses in the same semester.
- Some clinical courses are hard to manage when participating on a team that travels (moot court, mock trial, negotiation).
Graduation Requirements & Grades

• Experiential course requirement:
  • The law school requires 6 credits in practical skills courses
  • All courses in today’s presentation count toward this requirement

• Grading for courses in today’s presentation:
  • All credits count toward graduation
  • Half of credits count toward GPA
  • Many clinical programs have prerequisites
  • Check with each director about prerequisites
How do I apply?

- Three clinical programs use regular course enrollment with point allocation:
  - Environmental Law Practicum
  - Mediation I
  - Public Interest Practicum
- All other clinical programs require applications and make decisions before point allocation
  - See Application Form on My Georgia Law Portal
- For more information:
  - Contact the faculty member who directs the clinical program
  - Go to: https://www.law.uga.edu/clinics-externships-and-experiential-learning-programs
Application Deadlines - Fall

- **Friday, September 27**
  - Atlanta Semester in Practice
  - Capital Assistance Project (Atlanta)
  - Civil Externships (Atlanta)
  - DC Semester in Practice

- **Friday, October 11**
  - Business Law Clinic
  - Capital Assistance Project (Athens)
  - CEASE Clinic
  - Civil Externships (Athens)
  - Criminal Defense Practicum
  - Corporate Counsel Externships (full and part-time)
  - Economic Opportunity Clinic
  - Family Justice Clinic
  - Mediation II
  - Practicum in Animal Welfare Skills (PAWS)
  - Prosecutorial Justice Program
  - Veterans Legal Clinic
Application Deadlines - Fall

- **Monday, October 28**
  - Deadline for first offers to students
  - Students may but need not accept first offers until after this date
- **Wednesday, October 30**
  - Deadline for student decisions on first offers
- **Monday, November 4**
  - Final decisions on all waiting lists.
- **November 13-15**
  Point allocation for:
  - Environmental Law Practicum
  - Mediation I
  - Public Interest Practicum
Criminal Defense Practicum

Prof. Russell Gabriel
Wilbanks CEASE Clinic

Prof. Emma Hetherington
Table Talk

• You are invited to meet with our clinical professors and their current or former students
• Each clinical course has a table set up in the lower concourse
• Opportunity to ask questions about:
  • Application process or points?
  • Work-hour requirements?
  • And more....