

LAW CLINICS

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# Clinics / Externships

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*Everything you want to know*

*And then some!*

# Why Take a Clinic or Externship?

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- 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?

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- 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

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- 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?

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- 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

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- 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?

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- 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

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- **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

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- **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

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Prof. Russell Gabriel

# Wilbanks CEASE Clinic

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Prof. Emma Hetherington

# Table Talk

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- 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....