

Civil & Corporate Semesters in Practice

Faculty & Programs

Civil Externships/Atlanta Semester in Practice

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<https://www.law.uga.edu/atlanta-semester-practice-civil-externship>

Corporate Counsel Externships/Atlanta Semester in Practice

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How many credits will I earn for how much work?

- **Credits**
 - 4, 5, or 6 credits for a part-time externship
 - 10 credits for a semester in practice.
- **Work hours**
 - Part-time externships vary by program and credits earned – between 8 - 20 hours per week for 13 weeks.
 - Semester in Practice – work 32 hours per week for 13 weeks = 416 hours total.
 - Virtual work is permitted at some placements.

What types of credits are involved?

- **Pass/fail** - Half of credits are graded and count toward GPA; half of credits are pass/fail. All credits count toward graduation.
- **Clinical hours** – two credits are seminar hours; all other credits are clinical hours. Semester in Practice = 8 clinical hours used toward your 16 clinical hour cap.
- **Distance education**
 - Atlanta Semester in Practice (Civil & Corporate Counsel) use 5 of your distance education hours.
 - Part-time externships do not use distance education hours (even for remote work) b/c the seminars are in person.

Where do the externship seminars meet?

- **At law school**
 - Civil Externship I
 - Corporate Counsel Externship I & II
- **Online**
 - Civil Externship II
 - Atlanta Semester in Practice – civil externship & corporate counsel

What if I'm confused?

- Complete a graduation audit on My Georgia Law to review how many clinical and distance education credits you have used, and your remaining graduation requirements.
- Read the externship program's website.
- Meet with the externship faculty member to plan out your clinical and distance education hours to meet your goals.
- Most students have plenty of clinical or distance education credits to take the courses they want, with a little planning.

How do I find a placement?

- School-arranged pre-approved placements:
 - Judicial chambers, governmental agencies, private non-profits, and in-house legal departments (see program websites.)
- Student-arranged:
 - Propose your own judicial, government, non-profit, or in-house corporate placement in or near Atlanta or Athens.
 - Propose a full-time externship in another area of Georgia or another state in consultation with the externship professor.
 - International semester in practice options are arranged in consultation with the Rusk Center.

What other courses might I take with a semester in practice?

- Atlanta SIP -
 - Online courses
 - Advocacy/journal credits
 - Independent research/independent study
 - Commute to an in-person course in Athens

How do I apply?

- All externship programs require applications
- Link to application form can be found on each program's web page and on My Georgia Law.
 - For Semesters in Practice - obtain a graduation audit on My Georgia Law before submitting application and confirm you have at least 8 clinical hours remaining
 - Most placements are open to any student, but any preferred requirements or additional application materials are listed in the placement description (e.g., 3Ls only, min. GPA, writing sample, etc.)
 - **Read the application instructions!!**

When and where do I apply?

This semester's deadlines and application link:

<https://www.law.uga.edu/clinic-and-externship-application-links>

What financial support is available?

- Compensation from externship site permitted, if offered.
- Semesters in Practice stipends available in most semesters for uncompensated in-person externships (up to \$500 in past semesters).
- Uncompensated part-time externship stipends may be available (\$150-\$250 in past semesters).
- Callaway Foundation stipends for civil externships that serve rural and underserved counties in Georgia.
- Eligible to apply for supplemental financial aid if living in Atlanta.