

Spring 2012 Additional Activities/Experiences

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Credited Activities/Experiences

Externships

A. Business Law Practice Credit (BP612)

This is an externship credit for students interested in business law. Each student works in an appropriate placement that has been approved by a faculty member who teaches a related subject and the clinical director. Students spend an average of five hours per week, totaling a minimum of 65 hours per semester, assisting attorneys in handling matters involving various areas of business law. Because of the differing types of work in these placements, the number of hours of field work may vary somewhat week to week, as determined by the student, the faculty member, and the field supervisor. Students are required to keep journals that describe and evaluate their experiences in the field and must meet periodically with the faculty supervisor. Prerequisite or co-requisite: Various business law courses, based on subject matter of field work.

B. The ICTY Externship

New England Law | Boston has begun an externship program with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia-the first ad hoc tribunals created by the United Nations Security Council in response to atrocities committed in the Balkans. Participating students will spend one semester working full-time in the Office of the Prosecutor. Through this program, participants will have the opportunity to learn more about the actual functioning of international law, work in an international environment, live overseas, network with legal professionals from all over the world, and most importantly, contribute to the process of international law and justice. Students will receive 13 academic credits (11 un-graded, 2 graded) for participating in this program. **The externship will meet one (1) of the Professional Skills requirements towards the J.D. degree.**

The application process will be competitive. At this time, enrollment is limited to a maximum of two students each semester who are currently in their last year of study. (3LD or 4LE).

Independent Legal Research

Independent Legal Research provides a student the opportunity to study an area not otherwise covered in the curriculum, under the supervision of a Full-Time faculty member who has expertise in the area studied. The goal of an Independent Legal Research project is for the student to demonstrate mastery of a legal issue or topic, substantial legal analysis, logical organization and writing competence. Students must find a Full-Time faculty member to supervise the project. The project must culminate in a written report. Students enrolled in Independent Legal Research receive a letter grade for the course. Ordinarily, no student may receive credit for more than one Independent Legal Research project. There is a limit of two (2) credit hours for such projects.

Note: Independent Legal Research projects may be undertaken only by students in the final year of law school

As a general rule, for **one credit hour**, a student should be prepared to spend a minimum of **56 hours** in research, writing, and in a tutorial with the student's Independent Legal Research faculty advisor; the written

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report should be **25-30 pages** in length. For **two credit hours**, a student should be prepared to spend a minimum of **112 hours** in research, writing, and in a tutorial with the student's Independent Legal Research faculty advisor; the written report should be **50-60 pages** in length. The time in tutorial should equal approximately 7 hours in face-to-face meetings over the entire semester. No clinical experience or work done for any course or employer, or done any time prior to registering for Independent Legal Research, may be used as an Independent Legal Research project.

No faculty member may have more than 15 students during any academic year for whom he/she acts as Independent Legal Research Advisor. Additionally, please note that adjunct faculty cannot supervise Independent Legal Research projects.

Before registering, the student must complete an *Independent Legal Research Form* (available online and at the Registrar's Office) containing: (i) the title of the proposed project; (ii) a breakdown of the approximate minimum hours to be spent: (a) in research and writing; (b) in the tutorial with a faculty member who has agreed to act as the Independent Legal Research advisor to the student; and (iii) a proposed schedule outlining times by which a first draft, second draft, and final draft will be completed. In addition to these items, the student must attach to the form the following three items: 1) a narrative description of the area of proposed study, 2) an outline setting forth in reasonable detail the questions or issues to be addressed, and 3) a tentative bibliography on the research topic. The form **must contain the signature of a full-time faculty member**, agreeing to act as the supervisor of the project and approving the student's proposal. The student **must also obtain the signature of the Coordinator of Independent Legal Research Projects**, approving the project. **The [ILR Form](#) must be submitted to the Registrar's Office to complete registration.** A student may only register for Independent Legal Research during the registration period each semester.

Memberships

Students registering for credits based upon their membership on the Law Review or the Journal on Criminal and Civil Confinement should register (using the codes listed on the next page) as they would for any other course. The rules governing the number of credits that may be registered for, which are contained in the Law Review and NEJCCC by-laws (available on the NEW England Law website and also at the library), should be carefully reviewed by students prior to registering for Law Review and NEJCCC credits.

Note: Students may earn a maximum of 6 credits for any combination of the above activities.

Please refer to Rule A.9 of the New England Law | Boston Student Handbook for the complete school policy on eligibility, registration, and certification of credits for work on Law Review and Journal on Criminal and Civil Confinement. Below is an excerpt:

Eligibility

Credit is available for students in the second semester of their first year of membership on the Law Review or the Journal and in both semesters of their second year of membership.

Limitation upon credits

1. Students eligible for participation in New England Law Review may receive a maximum of six (6) credits.

2. Students eligible for participation in the New England Journal on Criminal and Civil Confinement may receive a maximum of six (6) credits.
3. No student participating in more than one of the activities listed in A.9. and A.10. may accumulate more than six (6) hours of credit.
4. No eligible student shall receive more than four (4) credits during a semester.
5. No eligible student shall receive more than two (2) credits during his or her second semester of membership on the Law Review or Journal.
6. Such credits shall not be computed in the student's cumulative average; however, they are counted toward the **residency requirement** and other degree and semester requirements.

A. Law Review Credits - Maximum of 6 Credits

CODE #	COURSE/JOURNAL
NL-470-D-01	Law Review - for 1 credit
NL-470-D-02	Law Review - for 2 credits
NL-470-D-03	Law Review - for 3 credits
NL-470-D-04	Law Review - for 4 credits

B. National Lawyering Skills Competition - Maximum of 2 Credits; Course #: NL-450-D-02

These credits may be earned by participation on the law school's moot court or mock trial teams in external competitions. *A student may receive those credits for only one such participation.* Students registering for those credits must first submit a [Student Request Form](#) to the appropriate Faculty Advisor, who, *upon completion of the student's participation*, will sign the form. The decision to approve the credits is solely within the discretion of the Faculty Advisor. The student is responsible for obtaining the appropriate signatures and for submitting the form to the Registrar's Office. Upon receipt of the approved *Student Request Form*, the Registrar will record the credits.

C. New England Journal on Criminal and Civil Confinement-Maximum of 6 Credits

CODE #	COURSE/JOURNAL
NJ-460-D-01	NEJCCC - for 1 credit
NJ-460-D-02	NEJCCC - for 2 credits
NJ-460-D-03	NEJCCC - for 3 credits
NJ-460-D-04	NEJCCC - for 4 credits

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Code	Course Title	Professor	Cred.	Enroll	Days	Times	Room	Comments
BP-900-D-01	Bus Practice Credit	Finneran	1	-	-	-	-	
IS-401-D-01	Independent Legal Research	TBA	1	-	-	-	-	
IS-401-D-02	Independent Legal Research	TBA	2	-	-	-	-	
JC-900-D-02	Honors Judicial Internship	Sorenson	2	-	-	-	-	
JC-900-D-03	Honors Judicial Internship	Sorenson	3	-	-	-	-	
JC-900-D-04	Honors Judicial Internship	Sorenson	4	-	-	-	-	
NJ-460-D-01	New England Journal (NEJCCC)	NEJCCC	1	-	-	-	-	
NJ-460-D-02	New England Journal (NEJCCC)	NEJCCC	2	-	-	-	-	
NJ-460-D-03	New England Journal (NEJCCC)	NEJCCC	3	-	-	-	-	
NJ-460-D-04	New England Journal (NEJCCC)	NEJCCC	4	-	-	-	-	
NL-450-D-02	National Lawyering Skills Competition	TBA	2	-	-	-	-	
NL-470-D-01	Law Review	Law Review	1	-	-	-	-	
NL-470-D-02	Law Review	Law Review	2	-	-	-	-	
NL-470-D-03	Law Review	Law Review	3	-	-	-	-	
NL-470-D-04	Law Review	Law Review	4	-	-	-	-	

Non-Credited Activities/Experiences

A. ROTC Agreements with Boston University

New England Law | Boston and Boston University have "cross-town" agreements available for New England Law students interested in pursuing a law career in the Air Force or Army.

The **Air Force ROTC** is located at AFROTC Detachment 355. For more information call (617) 353-4705. See <http://www.bu.edu/af-rotc/> for details.

For the **Army ROTC**, contact Major Mike Allain at (617) 353-4025/4026 or by email at msallain@bu.edu. See <http://www.bu.edu/armyrotc/> for details.

Please note: No academic credit is awarded for this experience; a notation will be entered on your transcript.