LEGAL ADVOCACY MINOR

Description

The Legal Advocacy Minor is a set of courses which is designed to ensure students with an interest in law school have all the skill-sets and several of the field-specific knowledge bases that will help them succeed there. It is also intended to help students contemplating law school develop a clear understanding of what that experience is likely to be, as well as some insight into the nature of professional legal practice. For students who may not intend to pursue graduate study in the law, the Minor sharpens their written, rhetorical, and analytical skills, helping them succeed in a variety of other graduate programs and career paths. In all cases, it is designed to further students’ understanding of how the American legal system, and their state’s legal system in particular, function.

The Minor emphasizes transferable skill-sets, a commitment to public service and responsible advocacy, experiential learning, and the preparation of undergraduates for a diverse job market. The core skill-sets developed in the Minor—critical thinking, creative thinking, oral communication skills, written communication skills, and the ability to advocate for oneself and for others both singly and as part of a team—are instrumental to every profession. So too is having a basic understanding of the nation’s legal system, as such knowledge is foundational to being an engaged citizen.

Instructors in the Legal Advocacy Minor include a licensed attorney with six years of trial experience in New Hampshire, a retired Justice of the 4th Circuit Court of New Hampshire, and a former paralegal who has published numerous scholarly articles on the subject of Law & Politics.

Requirements

Students must complete 20 credits with a minimum 2.0 grade-point average in these courses overall and with no individual grade lower than a C-. No more than 8 transfer credits will be accepted.

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¹ This course would relate to a law-adjacent specialization of interest to the individual student.

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