

CRIMINAL PRACTICE

Course Planning Guide

CORE CRIMINAL LAW COURSES

Essential foundation for criminal practice

LAW 6317 - Criminal Law

LAW 6406 - Constitutional Law

LAW 6319 - Evidence

LAW 6301 - Criminal Procedure: Pretrial Process

LAW 6302 - Criminal Procedure: Trial Process

LAWB 6321 - Professional Responsibility

TRIAL SKILLS

Essential advocacy training for criminal practitioners

LAW 6157-6164 - National Trial Competition

LAWB 6338 - Advanced Litigation Skills

LAW 6125 - Legal Interviewing

LAW 6130 - Negotiation Basics

SPECIALIZED CRIMINAL TOPICS

Advanced knowledge in specific criminal law areas

LAW 6270 - Juvenile Law

LAWB 6230 - Fourth Amendment Seminar

LAWB 6243 - International Criminal Law

LAWB 6209 - Policing and the Use of Force

Criminal Sentencing & Corrections (*recommended course not currently offered*)

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Choose based on career interest in prosecution or defense

LAWB 6369 - Prosecutor Practicum

LAWB 6339 - Externship

Seek a criminal law placement

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED COURSES

Supporting coursework for criminal practice

LAW 6337 - Remedies

LAW 6365 - Federal Jurisdiction

ACADEMIC PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Sequential Course Planning: Complete core criminal law courses before enrolling in specialized topics and advanced seminars.

Trial Skills Priority: Criminal practitioners must develop strong courtroom skills. Participate in trial competitions and advocacy training early in your law school career.

Practical Experience: Gain experience in both prosecution and defense settings if possible to understand both perspectives of the criminal justice system.

Bar Examination Alignment: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Evidence are heavily tested on the bar examination. Coordinate course selection with bar preparation strategy.