Statement of Completion in Public Interest Law

As part of the full-time doctor of jurisprudence degree program, students can elect to pursue a Statement of Completion in Public Interest Law by concentrating coursework, experience, and completing an academic research paper in this area.

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Part I: Course Requirements:

A. The student must satisfactorily complete five of the following courses, or complete a minimum of 15 credit hours of courses from this section, with a grade of C or better: [doctrinal courses/some are skills courses]

- Administrative Law
- Animal Law
- Children and the Law
- Consumer Law
- Cultural Property Law
- Disability Law
- Domestic Violence Seminar
- Elder Law
- Family Law Policy
- Family Law in World Community
- Employment Law
- Human Rights Law
- Human Rights and the Environment
- Immigration Law
- Indian Law
- Innovations in Criminal Justice
- Labor Law
- Legislation
- Local Government Law
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Race, Gender, Bias and the Law
- Refugee and Asylum Law
- Remedies
- State Administrative Law
- Tribal Courts and Tribal Law
- Woman and the Law
B. The student must satisfactorily complete at least one of the following courses with a grade of C or better: [skills courses]

Alternative Dispute Resolution Survey
Arbitration
Interviewing and Counseling
Mediation
Negotiation
Supreme Court Advocacy
Trial Practice
Women in Prison

C. The student must satisfactorily complete at least one of the following courses with a grade of a C or better, or Pass, if the course is Pass/No Pass: [hands-on experience]

Civil Practice Clinic
Criminal Defense Clinic
Criminal Prosecution Clinic
Domestic Violence Clinic
Environmental Clinic
Legislative Issues Workshop
Nonprofit Clinic
Small Claims Mediation Clinic
Judicial Externship (Any local, state, tribal or federal court so long as no stipend is received)
Public Service Externships (Non-profit organizations or government)

The offering of the above courses will depend on teacher availability and reasonable enrollment demand. The Law School does not guarantee that a student will be able to satisfy the requirements necessary for obtaining the certificate.

Statement of Completion in Public Interest Law Committee Members: Adell Amos, Stuart Chinn, Susan Gary, Leslie Harris.

Course substitution
On petition approved by the two Public Interest Law Statement of Completion Committee Members, students may fulfill the course requirements by substituting one or two equivalent courses for any one or two listed courses. Prior written approval must be obtained to substitute a Group C course.

Course name: __________________________ substituted for [ ]Group A  [ ]Group B
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Experience description: ____________________ substituted for [ ]Group C
Course Substitution Approved:
Date:___________ Signature of professor on Public Interest Law Statement of Completion Committee: ______________________________________________________
Date:___________ Signature of professor on Public Interest Law Statement of Completion Committee: ______________________________________________________

Part 2: Written Work:

Academic research paper
Students are required to complete an academic research paper of high professional quality concerning public interest law or public policy issues. This requirement may be fulfilled in conjunction with any of the Group A, B or C courses. The paper must be of sufficient depth and quality to satisfy, and may be used to satisfy, the law school’s Writing Requirement.

Approval of Topic for Public Interest Law or Public Policy Paper
Any member of the Statement of Completion Committee may grant advance approval of the topic on which a student intends to write an academic research paper to fulfill the requirements for the Statement of Completion in Public Interest Law. This preliminary approval applies only to the suitability of the topic for the purposes of the Public Interest Law Statement of Completion requirement. The quality of the paper will be judged by the faculty member under whom it has been written in order to receive final approval for the purposes of the Statement of Completion. The paper may be written under any permanent or visiting member of the School of Law faculty, including adjuncts.

Preliminary approval of topic (optional):
Date:____________________ Signature of professor on Public Interest Law Statement of Completion Committee: ______________________________________________________

Final approval of paper for Statement of Completion:
Date:____________________ Signature of committee member or professor under whom paper was written: ______________________________________________________

After final approval, Registrar’s Office will verify completion of course requirements.
Date:____________________ Verified by: ______________________________________________________

Submit this form to the Admin Office by April 6th to receive your Public Interest Law Statement of Completion upon graduation.
Part 3: Optional Pro Bono Honors:

Students who complete a Statement of Completion in Public Interest Law AND a Pro Bono Certificate in accordance with the Pro Bono Program’s requirements: http://law.uoregon.edu/probono/certificate/, will receive their Statement of Completion with Pro Bono Honors.

Date__________________________

Signature of Pro Bono Program Representative ______________________________