

Externship Program Structure Comparison

Texas A&M University School of Law

Eligibility

- Student: Earned 29 credits; 2.33 GPA.
- Placement: Government, Non-Profits, Judicial, In-House & some Private Practice; Must provide legal and law-related activities.
- Supervisor: Licensed Attorney; Prefer 5 years' experience and in good standing w/ Bar. Must submit questionnaire for review and approval to participate.

Course Requirements

- Earn between 1-3 p/f credits working 60 hours/credit Min 10 weeks, fall/spring semesters; 5 weeks, sum.
- Students establish goals, submit time and reflective journals throughout the semester, individual mid-term meetings, self-assessments, evaluations of program/supervisor, and placement site visits.
- Attend a class component the first time they enroll in the program. It is not separately graded from the fieldwork.

Supervisor/Placement

- Assigns legal and law-related activities.
- Provides close supervision and feedback.
- Reviews and evaluates student performance at end of semester and copy provided to school.

Oversight & Evaluation

- Of student: By faculty and supervisor through close supervision and feedback. Director reviews and comments on reflective journals.
- Of Placement: By faculty through communication and site visits. By student through evaluation.

Application Process

- Students secure own placement. Submits an application; Director approves 1) student eligibility; 2) placement; and 3) credit sought. Director will meet with students to provide guidance on possible placement opportunities.
- Placements: Those currently seeking externs post on Symplicity.
- School: At placement request, will collect resumes, set up interviews or select and refer student to placement.

St. Mary's University School of Law

Eligibility

- Student: Complete 1L courses; No GPA requirement.
- Placement: Government, Non-Profits, select Judicial & In-House; Must provide legal and law-related activities.
- Supervisor: Licensed Attorney; Prefer 3 years' experience. Must submit pre-placement evaluation for review and approval to participate.

Course Requirements

- Earn between 1-3 p/f credits working 60 hours/credit.
- Students establish goals, submit weekly time and reflective journals, on-site conference, exemplars, pre & post self-assessment, and evaluation of program/supervisor.
- Attend a one day class component the first time they enroll in the program. It is not separately graded from the fieldwork.

Supervisor/Placement

- Assigns legal and law-related activities.
- Provides close supervision and feedback.
- Reviews and evaluates student performance at midterm and end of semester.

Oversight & Evaluation

- Of student: By faculty and supervisor through close supervision and feedback. Associate Director reviews and comments on weekly reflective journals.
- Of Placement: By faculty through communication and site visits. By student through evaluation.

Application Process

- Students secure own placement. Associate Director will meet with students to provide guidance on possible placement opportunities.
- Placements: Those currently seeking externs post on Symplicity.
- School: At placement request, will collect resumes, set up interviews, and may notify students, but will not select/refer student to placement.