

WFU Law School Clinics and Field Work Summary for Registering Students and Academic Advisors

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Program	Appellate Advocacy Clinic
What do students do?	Students handle an appeal from start to finish, working with a student partner and their professor, in the U.S. Supreme Court, Fourth Circuit, Seventh Circuit, or N.C. Court of Appeals. Students also attend weekly sessions to learn about various aspects of appellate practice.
Website	http://law.wfu.edu/clinics/appellate/
Course #	548
Credit hours	3
Prerequisites	Appellate Advocacy 219
No. of semesters	2
Sample Topics	Includes whether, when, and how to appeal; developing a theory of an appeal and applying rhetorical principles; briefs; oral argument; common appellate motions/petitions.
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Program	Children and Domestic Violence Seminar and Children's Law Externship
What do students do?	Children and Domestic Violence Seminar, Course #563 (2 credit hours). Each week they spend 1 hour in the seminar and 4-5 hours doing filed work at the Children's Law Center of Central Carolina. They serve as guardians ad litem, representing the best interest of children whose custodian is a party in a civil domestic violence protective proceeding. Students may interview the child, parents, teachers, and others, gathering documentary information, which they present in a report to the court on the issue of custody. Children's Law Externship, Court #520 (1 optional additional credit hour). Requires 4-5 more hours per week at the Children's Law Center.
Website	http://law.wfu.edu/academics/courses
Course #	563 and 520
Credit hours	2 for #563; 1 optional additional hour for #520
Prerequisites	
No. of semesters	1
Sample topics	
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Program	Community Law and Business Clinic
What do students do?	Students assist with a range of legal and business matters that reflect a general civil practice. Topics include: entity selection, contract review, employment law, real estate, and topics related to representing business clients.
Website	http://wfu.edu/clinics/community/
Course #	601
Credit hours	4
Prerequisites	Must be a 3L or second semester 2L. No course prerequisites. Interest in business law and entrepreneurship, community based organizations and nonprofits is beneficial.
No. of semesters	1
Sample topics	Business organizations, real estate development and finance, employment law, commercial law and contracts.
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Program	DVAC (Domestic Violence Advocacy Center) Courtroom Advocacy Independent Study
What do students do?	WFU Law DVAC members who have completed the requisites for the NC Student Practice Certificate volunteer to work under the supervision of Legal Aid attorneys representing domestic abuse victims during initial legal proceedings. Students assist victims with completing the Complaint and Motion for Domestic Violence Protective Order (commonly known as a "50B" protective order) and representing the victim at a hearing on the motion. Beyond working on the 50B documentation and hearing, the student may handle negotiating child custody, visitation and support issues for the client.
Website	http://law.wfu.edu/studentlife/organizations/dvac/
Course #	505
Credit hours	1
Prerequisites	
Number of semesters	1
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Program	Elder Law Clinic
What do students do?	Represent individuals and their families in a general civil practice, small firm environment. Students draft wills and powers of attorney; handle some litigation, including guardianship hearings; handle consumer law dispute and health law cases.
Website	www.law.wfu.edu/clinics/elder
Course #	604
Credit hours	4
Prerequisites	Must be a 3L or spring semester 2L; no course prerequisites
No. of semesters	1
Sample topics:	Housing issues of older clients; Interviewing; Will drafting and estate planning for the small estate; Medicare and Medicaid; Abuse; Nursing Home Law.
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Program	Innocence and Justice Clinic
What do students do?	Students review and investigate claims of actual innocence by inmates and, where appropriate, pursue legal avenues for exoneration and release from prison.
Website	http://law.wfu.edu/clinics/innocence
Course #	622
Credit hours	4
Prerequisites	Criminal Procedure is co-requisite; must be 3L or spring semester 2L.
No. of semesters	1
Sample topics	Mistaken eyewitness identification; false confessions; “junk” forensic science; the role of forensic DNA testing; post-conviction remedies for innocence claims; the use of “jailhouse snitches” and cooperating witnesses; police and prosecutorial misconduct; incompetent lawyering; policy and legislative reforms; innocence and the death penalty; re-entry programs and post-conviction remedies.
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Program	Litigation Clinic
What do students do?	Tailored to student preferences. Includes a variety of civil litigation related practice: private firms, government entities (e.g., National Labor Relations Board, Veteran's Administration) and corporate counsel offices (e.g., RJR, Dell, BB&T). Also includes criminal placement (state or federal), either prosecution or defense, which insures student's appearance in court.
Website	http://law.wfu.edu/clinics/litigation
Course #	603
Credit hours	4
Prerequisites	Evidence; Trial Practice (prior to or while taking Litigation Clinic)
No. of semesters	1
Syllabus: sample topics	District Court practice and case simulations; jury focus groups; interviewing & counseling; taking depositions; preparing deponents; expert witness preparation & examination.
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