

Chicago-Kent College of Law Approved Experiential Courses

Requirement. All Chicago-Kent students are required to complete at least six (6) credits from the following list of approved experiential courses. Most (but not all) students will already satisfy four of these credits through the required sequence of Legal Writing 3 and Legal Writing 4.

Legal Writing 4 Equivalency Concerns. Because the Legal Writing 4 Equivalency Class is a zero-credit course, it does not count toward the 6-credit experiential requirement. Students who opt to take the Equivalency Class in place of a regular Legal Writing 4 section should consult the list of approved courses to determine whether the equivalency activity (e.g., Judicial Externship, Pretrial Litigation) counts toward the experiential requirement. Law Review does not count toward the experiential requirement.

No Experiential Credit for Seminar Courses. Chicago-Kent uses its seminar requirement to satisfy the required ABA Standard 303(a)(2) “additional writing experience after the first year.” As a result, no course used to satisfy the seminar requirement may be used to satisfy the ABA experiential requirement. Individual courses known to offer seminar options have cautionary notes in the list below, but students are advised that, even if listed below, a course taken in satisfaction of the seminar requirement will not earn experiential credit.

Other Restrictions. All course offerings listed below are subject to restrictions as set forth in the Registration Bulletin or Chicago-Kent Student Handbook, including but not limited to course pre-requisites, instructor permission requirements, and required certificate program enrollment.

New York Bar Admission. Students planning to sit for the New York bar exam should be aware that, in December 2015, the Court of Appeals adopted Section 520.18 to the Rules for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law (22 NYCRR 520.18). This provision requires applicants seeking admission in New York to establish that they have acquired skills and professional values necessary to competently practice law. New York has made clear that completing only the six (6) hours of experiential courses required by the ABA is insufficient to automatically meet its new admission requirements. However, applicants may satisfy the requirement by completing one of five separate pathways described in section 520.18. Pathway One requires a certification from the applicant’s law school based on a law school’s published curriculum plan. Pathway Two requires fifteen (15) credits of practice-based experiential coursework designed to foster professional competency training. While Chicago-Kent has been providing a Pathway One certification to our graduates, we cannot guarantee that will be always be available in the future as we monitor New York guidance. Thus, students seeking admission to New York may want to consider seeking more experiential credits than the six (6) credits minimally required for graduation. For more information on the New York requirements, see here: <https://www.nybarexam.org/Skills/skills.htm>

Contact. If you have questions or if you believe a course has been excluded from this list in error, please contact Professor Robbins, Director of Experiential Learning, at jrobbin1@illinoistech.edu.

Relationship to Praxis Certificate. This document discusses courses that satisfy the experiential course requirement for graduation from Chicago-Kent which applies to all J.D. students. There is a separate list of courses that count toward the Praxis Certificate, Chicago-Kent's innovative experiential program of study. Though the lists are very similar, they are not identical. (Notably, Legal Writing I and II and certain professional responsibility courses count for Praxis but not toward the experiential graduation requirements.) Please consult the relevant list for your needs.

Precise Course Names. Chicago-Kent is fortunate to offer numerous courses in many different areas of study. As you review the courses below, please pay close attention to course names and contact Professor Robbins if you need more information on any discrepancies in course name. Only those classes listed specifically below satisfy the experiential course requirement, and some classes that do not satisfy the requirement do bear similar names. For example, "ADR in the Workplace" is an approved experiential course. However, "Alternative Dispute Resolution" (sometimes referred to as "ADR") is not an approved experiential course.

Simulation Courses and Practicums

Please note that not all Simulation Courses or Practicums are offered every year.

ADR in the Workplace (2 cr.)

Advanced Family Law - Practice and Procedure (2 cr.) – only as offered in Spring 2026 and later
Appellate Advocacy (2 cr.) (This course is open only to students in their first semester of the Moot Court Honor Society.)

Constitutional Litigation Practicum (2 cr.)

Criminal Litigation 1 (2 cr.)

Criminal Litigation 2 (2 cr.)

Digital Justice (2 cr.) (starting in Fall 2026)

Employment Litigation (3 cr.)

Intensive Trial Advocacy 1 (3 cr.)

Justice & Technology Practicum (2 cr.) (which will change names to Digital Justice for Fall 2026)

Legal Writing 3 (1 cr.)

Legal Writing 4 (3 cr.)

Legislative Advocacy – non-seminar only (2 cr.)

Mediation (2 cr.)

Negotiations (2 cr.)

Oral Advocacy for the IP Lawyer (2 cr.)

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Simulation Courses and Practicums (continued)

Patent Litigation (2 cr.)
Patent Practicum (2 cr.)
Pretrial Litigation (3 cr.)
Startup Lawyering (3 cr.)
Strategic Problem-Solving and the Law (2 cr.)
Strategies in I.P. (3 cr.)
Trial Advocacy 1 (3 cr.)
Trial Advocacy 2 (3 cr.)

Clinical Courses

In-House Clinic (Credits based on specific clinic, but most clinics are either 3 or 4 credits)

- Civil Litigation Clinic 1 and 2
- Criminal Defense Clinic 1 and 2
- Employee Benefits Claims Clinic 1 and 2
- Estate Planning, Probate and Transactional Clinic 1 and 2
- Family Law Clinic 1 and 2
- Immigration Law Clinic 1 and 2
- Intellectual Property Clinic 1 and 2
- IP, Entertainment & Entrepreneurship Clinic
- Mediation and Other ADR Procedures
- Tax Clinic 1 and 2
- Advanced Clinic
- Environmental & Energy Law Clinic (1-4 cr.)
- Intensive Clinic (10 cr.) (Additional 2 cr. seminar option does not count)

Externships/Field Placements

Judicial Externship (4 cr.)

- Judicial Externship 1
- Judicial Externship 2

Legal Externship (4 cr.)

- Legal Externship 1
- Legal Externship 2

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Externships/Field Placements (continued)

Criminal Litigation Legal Externship 1 and 2 (4 cr.)

Environmental Law Legal Externship 1 and 2 (4 cr.)

Intellectual Property Legal Externship 1 and 2 (4 cr.)

Labor & Employment Law Externship and Class (4 cr.)

Semester Law Firm Associate Program (6 cr.)

DC Externship (11 cr.)