Concentrations

JD Concentrations

Students who complete a concentration will receive a notation on their official transcripts after satisfying all concentration requirements. Students may enroll in more than one concentration as long as they can complete all the requirements.

The Northwestern Law faculty has approved the following curricular concentrations for students interested in exploring a specific area of law:

- Appellate Law Concentration (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/law/programs/jd/concentrations/appellate-law/)
- Business Enterprise Concentration (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/law/programs/jd/concentrations/business-enterprise/)
- Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution Concentration (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/law/programs/jd/concentrations/civil-litigation/)
- Environmental Law Concentration (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/law/programs/jd/concentrations/environmental-law/)
- International Law Concentration (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/law/programs/jd/concentrations/international-law/)
- Law and Social Policy Concentration (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/law/programs/jd/concentrations/law-social-policy/)
- Technology, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Concentration (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/law/programs/jd/concentrations/technology/)

Concentration Requirements

While specific courses for each concentration necessarily differ, all concentrations have a minimum credit requirement, and require completion of at least one substantial research writing project.

Procedures

Registration/checklist forms (https://www.law.northwestern.edu/registrar/forms/) are available for each concentration from the Office of the Registrar. Students keep a copy of the form to document completion of their concentration requirements. This form is also used to certify completion of the research/writing requirement. Before students can receive a notation on their official transcripts, the faculty program director must sign the form, certifying completion of the writing requirement and approval of its relevance to the concentration.

Completed, signed concentration forms are due in the Office of the Registrar no later than the grade due date for the last term of the student’s attendance. Questions regarding procedural requirements and transcript notations should be directed to the Office of the Registrar.

For information regarding concentration requirements, contact the program director of the appropriate concentration. Should questions arise about whether a particular course is in the area of concentration, the program director will decide.