# EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

## Curriculum Road Map

### First Year (1L)
- **LLEAP 1 and 2**
  - All students complete two semesters of legal writing and research where they:
    - Perform legal research, write memoranda, motions, and briefs
    - Analyze and draft contracts
    - Engage in simulated client interviews, client counseling, negotiation sessions, and oral arguments

### Second Year (2L)
- **LLEAP 3**
  - Students choose Litigation or Transactional Advanced Legal Writing
    - Litigation prepares students to handle a lawsuit from the first client meeting through final judgment or settlement
    - Transactional prepares students to handle all legal aspects of a business deal, from drafting a letter of intent to negotiating and completing an asset purchase agreement

### Third Year (3L)
- Students increase their knowledge and boost their practice-ready skills through a variety of upper-level course offerings:
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution
  - Basic Mediation Training
  - Business of Law Practice
  - Patent Prep & Prosecution
  - Pretrial Practice
  - Technology in Law Practice
  - Trial Tactics

### Build Your Skill Set Through Hands-On Training
- **1st Year Real Practice Experience**
  - Every 1L participates in at least one brief advice clinic. They work alongside experienced local lawyers providing pro bono legal services to members of our community.
  - Moot Court national and international teams
  - Appellate Practice intra-school competition
  - Mock Trial team
  - Labs and Practicums allow law students to work on discrete legal issues presented to faculty by courts and practitioners

### Put It Into Practice
- **Summer Externship Opportunities**
  - Students participate in a variety of local, national, and international externships
  - 1L Federal Judicial Externship Program places students with appellate and district court judges
  - Cleveland Clinic
  - Federal Public Defender
  - Federal Trade Commission
  - International Tribunals
  - The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland
  - U.S. Attorney’s Office
  - U.S. Coast Guard

- **Semester and 2L Summer Externship Opportunities**
  - In-House Clinic
  - Full or Part-time one semester-in-practice externships at local, national, or international placements.

- **Capstone**
  - Students take on the role of attorney—litigate cases, negotiate contracts and serve as counsel to clients.
  - In-House Clinic
  - Full or Part-time one semester-in-practice externships at local, national, or international placements.

### Tie It All Together: Develop a Career Plan
- One-on-one career counseling with a CDO attorney-counselor from 1L year to develop a career plan strategy that will be shaped and molded by the student’s experiential education opportunities.
  - Resume, cover letter, and interview preparation
  - Networking and mentoring opportunities
  - LawFit assessments
  - Professional development programs that address networking, public speaking, imposter syndrome, and much more!

## We Are Leaders in Experiential Education.
- Ranked #6 in the country for Practical Training (A+)
  by PreLaw Magazine
- Named a law school among the top 5 innovators in legal education
  by U.S. News & World Report
- One of the first law schools in the nation to start a clinical program 50 years ago

## What Sets Us Apart?
We place an emphasis on experiential education and give our students the opportunity to practice law in the summer, during the academic year, or for a full semester in the U.S. or around the world, preparing them to start their careers with confidence.