

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

Curriculum Road Map



SCHOOL OF LAW

CASE WESTERN RESERVE
UNIVERSITY

First Year (1L)

Second Year (2L)

Third Year (3L)

Lay the Foundation for Success

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

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

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

Semester and 2L Summer Externship Opportunities

- 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

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.