

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW SPECIAL DISTINCTION

Contact Persons: Professors Hernandez or Serr

Students focusing study in public interest law may elect to pursue a Public Interest Law Special Distinction.

The Public Interest Law Special Distinction is recognized at graduation and becomes part of the student's permanent transcript. Students must earn a minimum GPA and must also meet the other course requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
LAW 9256	Civil Rights Actions	2
LAW 9360	Constitutional Law: Freedom of Speech	3
LAW 9380	Family Law: Advanced Family Law	3
LAW 9373	Immigration Law	3
LAW 9365	Poverty Law & Policy	3
Public Interest Law Additional Electives		
Select at least 10 additional hours from the following:		10
LAW 9268	Administrative Law: Federal	
LAW 9287	Administrative Law: Texas	
LAW 9350	Advanced Criminal Procedure	
LAW 9362	Employment Discrimination	
LAW 9254	Juvenile Justice	
LAW 9211	Nonprofit Organizations	
LAW 9279	Separation of Church and State	
LAW 9226	Supreme Court Seminar	
LAW 9V11	Legal Clinic ¹	
LAW 9V93	Field Placement ²	
Total Hours		24

¹ As approved by Prof. Hernandez or Serr

² Focused on public interest; as approved by Prof. Hernandez or Serr

A GPA of 3.3 in all track courses (including additional hours as required above) will be required for a student to receive the Special Distinction designation.

If a student has taken more than the minimum number of hours of track courses and a grade in a course that is not required for receipt of the Special Distinction would result in the GPA being below the requirement, that grade need not be included in the GPA calculation. If a grade in a track course that is required for receipt of the Special Distinction causes the GPA to be below the requirement, grades in track courses beyond the number of hours required for the Special Distinction may be included in order to raise the GPA in the track courses.

Student must complete 20 hours of pro bono public interest work. Prior approval of work by Professor Hernandez or Professor Serr is required.

A student who meets the above requirements for a Special Distinction shall receive that designation only if the faculty determines that the student has made meaningful contributions to the Law School program and that the student is worthy of such distinction in accordance with the traditions, expectations and mission of Baylor Law School.