

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW TRACK

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Questions of constitutional law impact our daily activities, running the gamut from traffic stops to controversial internet posts to the right to attend public school. These important constitutional rights are usually defended through litigation initiated by public interest groups. Students who are interested in pursuing public service careers, or who plan to make pro bono work a meaningful part of their practice, should consider pursuing a Public Interest Law Professional Track. This type of legal work requires a solid understanding of constitutional interpretation, focused on the Bill of Rights, as well as familiarity with various litigation requirements imposed by statutes or the courts. A student who completes the Public Interest Law Professional Track will be well familiar with legal strategies to enforce constitutional rights. This professional track qualifies as a foundation track for the Special Distinction in Litigation.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
Take 18 hours, at least 10 of which must come from the following selection of courses:		10
LAW 9256	Civil Rights Actions	2
LAW 9360	Constitutional Law: Freedom of Speech	3
LAW 9362	Employment Discrimination	3
LAW 9380	Family Law: Advanced Family Law	3
LAW 9373	Immigration Law	3
LAW 9254	Juvenile Justice	2
LAW 9267	Poverty Law	2
Public Interest Law Additional Electives		
Select up to 8 additional hours from the following:		8
LAW 9268	Administrative Law: Federal	
LAW 9287	Administrative Law: Texas	
LAW 9350	Advanced Criminal Procedure	
LAW 9265	Municipal Government	
LAW 9211	Nonprofit Organizations	
LAW 9279	Separation of Church and State	
LAW 9226	Supreme Court Seminar	
Field Placement focused on public interest (2 credit hours) ¹		
Legal Clinics (1 credit hour) ¹		

¹ As available and approved by Professor Hernandez or Professor Serr