

Section 8 **Co-Curricular Programs**

8.1 **General Policies**

Academic credit may be awarded to students for their participation in approved co-curricular programs at the College of Law as provided in this section.

8.1.1 Faculty approval. The faculty of the College of Law must approve each co-curricular program for which students may be awarded academic credit. Approval may be revoked by the faculty if the faculty determines that participation in the program does not warrant the award of academic credit.

8.1.2 Curriculum Committee oversight. The COL Curriculum Committee has general oversight responsibilities to ensure that all approved co-curricular programs continue to conduct their programs in a manner consistent with the faculty's policies and these rules. At least annually, the Committee should review the bylaws and practices of each approved program and consult with the program's faculty advisor(s) to assure continued compliance.

8.1.3 Fair access. Student access to membership in a co-curricular program for which members may earn academic credit must be open to all law students on a fair, impartial and non-discriminatory basis. There should be meaningful participation in the program's membership selection process by faculty

members, alumni and/or other outside professionals. The program faculty advisor shall have ultimate authority to determine the proportionate composition of students, faculty members, alumni and/or other outside professionals voting in the selection process, and the weight to be given to individual votes for each of these groups of participants. Each student program must inform the Curriculum Committee and the program's advisor in writing of any proposed change in its membership selection process before any change is implemented. Any policy or procedure promulgated by the program's advisor shall take precedence over and supersede any policy or procedure in use by or proposed by the program's members or their designees.

- 8.1.4 Ungraded. All academic credit awarded for participation in co-curricular programs will be ungraded (S/U).
- 8.1.5 Faculty control. All credit awarded for a student's participation in a co-curricular program must be individually approved by the program's faculty advisor. A grade of unsatisfactory (U) may be awarded for a student's unsatisfactory performance of the agreed co-curricular responsibilities for which the student sought academic credit.
- 8.1.6 Approved programs. The following co-curricular programs have been approved by the faculty so that students are eligible

to receive academic credit for their participation in the program:

Florida State University Law Review
FSU Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law
FSU Journal of Transnational Law & Policy
FSU Moot Court Team
FSU Mock Trial Team

8.2 Law Journal Credit

Academic credit may be awarded for participation on the Florida State University Law Review, the FSU Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law, or the FSU Journal of Transnational Law & Policy as follows:

8.2.1 Writing credit. A law journal member may receive academic credit for writing a note, comment or other piece as provided in this section.

8.2.1.1 Faculty supervision. A journal note, comment or other piece must be written under an individual faculty member's supervision to receive academic credit. A journal note, comment or other piece written solely under the supervision of a student editor is not eligible for academic credit. If permitted under a journal's bylaws, a journal member desiring to receive academic credit for a piece being written for the journal may register for a

Directed Individual Study (DIS) under the supervision of a faculty director. The amount of academic credit to be awarded for the piece shall be governed by the usual DIS rules.

8.2.1.2 Publication credit. Any student whose note, comment or other piece is published by an approved FSU law journal or that of another ABA-accredited law school may receive one hour of academic credit for fulfilling the publication process. Registration for this credit shall be in the semester after the piece is published, and the faculty advisor of the FSU journal, or the Associate Dean for other journals, must certify that the piece has completed the publication process. This credit is available regardless of any other academic credit received by the student in writing the piece.

8.2.2 Editing credit. A law journal member may receive academic credit for service in an editorial capacity as provided in this section.

8.2.2.1 Annual certification. The academic credit that may be awarded to a journal's members for

service in an editorial capacity must be approved annually by the Curriculum Committee.

8.2.2.2 Procedure. A journal that desires its members to be eligible to receive academic credit for service in an editorial capacity must submit annually to the Curriculum Committee a memo, approved by the journal's faculty advisor, setting forth the following information:

8.2.2.2.1 A list of the editorial positions to be eligible for academic credit;

8.2.2.2.2 A description of each position's responsibilities;

8.2.2.2.3 The amount of credit sought for the position; and

8.2.2.2.4 The academic term that members are to register for the credit.

8.2.2.3 Faculty advisor's approval. The journal's faculty advisor, after certification by the journal's editor-in-chief that all participation requirements have been met, must approve the final award of all academic credit for service as a journal editor. A grade of unsatisfactory (U)

may be awarded if an editor who has registered to receive academic credit does not satisfactorily fulfill all the requirements for academic credit, unless the faculty advisor finds justifiable cause for the editor's failure to do so.

8.2.2.4 Semester credit limit. A student may not receive more than two hours of academic credit in any semester or term for journal editorial service.

8.2.3. Aggregate credit limit. A student may not receive nor count towards the JD degree more than an aggregate total of nine hours of academic credit for participation on one or more of the law journals.

8.3 Appellate Advocacy Credit

Academic credit may be awarded for participation on the FSU Moot Court Team as provided in this section.

8.3.1 Competition credit. A Moot Court Team member may earn two hours of academic credit for satisfactory participation in an intercollegiate moot court competition. A competition team is ordinarily comprised of two students, although sometimes the team may have three students.

- 8.3.2 Participation. For academic credit, a member's participation must include:
- 8.3.2.1 Co-author of the competition brief, to be submitted to the team's editorial chair at least 10 days in advance of competition filing deadline;
 - 8.3.2.2 Satisfactory participation in at least eight practice oral argument panels; and
 - 8.3.2.3 Satisfactory participation in a regional, national, or international competition;
- 8.3.3 Faculty advisor's approval. The Moot Court Team faculty advisor, in consultation with the team coach for the competition and after certification from the team's editorial chair that all participation requirements have been met, must approve the final award of all academic credit for a member's participation in an appellate advocacy competition. A grade of unsatisfactory (U) will generally be awarded if a member who has registered for a competition does not satisfactorily fulfill all the requirements for academic credit, unless the faculty advisor finds justifiable cause for the member's failure to do so.
- 8.3.4 Registration. A member will generally register for academic credit in the semester in which the competition is scheduled to

occur. Any exception must be authorized in advance by the Moot Court Team faculty advisor. When a competition extends over two semesters, a member may register for one hour of credit in the semester in which the brief is written and the other hour of credit in the semester in which the competition (oral argument) occurs.

8.3.5 Aggregate credit limit. A student may not receive nor count towards the JD degree more than an aggregate total of six hours of academic credit for participation in trial and/or appellate advocacy competitions.

8.3.6 Competition Selection. The Moot Court Team faculty advisor shall have ultimate authority in selecting Team members for all competitions. In addition, students must have a minimum 72 cumulative grade point average to try out for the Team, and must maintain a minimum 72 grade point average, as calculated at the end of each academic year (prior to any summer session), to remain on the Team.

8.4 Trial Advocacy Credit

Academic credit may be awarded for participation on the FSU Mock Trial Team as provided in this section.

8.4.1 Competition credit. A Mock Trial Team member may earn academic credit based on the member's participation in a trial advocacy competition. The amount of credit awarded depends

on whether it is an intramural competition or an intercollegiate competition.

8.4.1.1 Intramural competition. A member may earn one hour of academic credit for satisfactory participation in an intramural competition. For academic credit, a member's participation must include:

8.4.1.1.1 Attendance at mandatory information meetings and training sessions;

8.4.1.1.2 Satisfactory participation in twelve practice trials; and

8.4.1.1.3 Satisfactory participation in the intramural competition.

8.4.1.2 Intercollegiate competition. A member may earn two hours of academic credit for satisfactory participation in an intercollegiate competition as an advocate or one hour for participation as a witness. No any additional credit may be awarded for advancing beyond the regional round in a national competition. For academic credit, a member's participation must include:

8.4.1.2.1 Satisfactory participation in at least 12
practice trials; and

8.4.1.2.2 Satisfactory participation in the
intercollegiate competition.

8.4.2 Competition selection. The Mock Trial Team faculty advisor shall have ultimate authority in selecting Team members for all competitions. In addition, students must have a minimum 72 cumulative grade point average to try out for the Team, and must maintain a minimum 72 grade point average, as calculated at the end of each academic year (prior to any summer session), to remain on the Team.

8.4.3 Faculty advisor's approval. A Mock Trial Team faculty advisor, in consultation with the competition coach, must approve the final award of all academic credit for a member's participation in a trial advocacy competition. A grade of unsatisfactory (U) may be awarded if a member who has registered for a competition does not satisfactorily fulfill all the requirements for academic credit, unless the faculty advisor finds justifiable cause for the member's failure to do so.

8.4.4 Registration. A member will generally register for academic credit in the semester in which the competition is scheduled to

occur. Any exception must be authorized in advance by a faculty advisor.

- 8.4.5 Aggregate credit limit. A student may not receive nor count towards the JD degree more than an aggregate total of six hours of academic credit for participation in trial and/or appellate advocacy competitions.