



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF LAW

Externship Information for Prospective Transfer Students

- All externship programs at Florida State University College of Law are S/U, and as transfer students, your ability to take S/U courses is limited due to the transfer of credits from your prior institution. You are provided a letter from the Academic Dean advising you of the maximum allowable S/U credits towards your degree. Please contact the Registrar at records@law.fsu.edu or 850-644-3288, if you have any questions relating to this or your transfer credits.
- If you have a strong interest in participating in the externship program, you should research the programs and prerequisites in advance of transferring to Florida State. Carefully read the Requirements and Limitations for externships on the College website. You will also find prerequisite and other information there: http://www.law.fsu.edu/academic_programs/jd_program/clinics/index.html
- Keep in mind that some programs have limited slots and are competitive, so be flexible.
- Most of our programs require a “Certified Legal Intern” or C.L.I. status, which in turn requires background (character) clearance from the Florida Bar. This takes about 4-6 months (longer in some cases) after an application to the Florida Bar letter for membership or for C.L.I. status is fully complete and submitted. If you intend to do an externship that requires certification (see description page for each program on website), and you have not already applied to the Florida Bar, you should do so immediately.
- Twelve-credit externships generally cannot be taken in the last semester. Nine-credit programs are permitted, with restrictions. Careful planning of your schedule as an incoming transfer student is critical so that you can take needed prerequisites and complete your preferred program.
- High credit programs: The Prosecutor/Defender and Legal Services (civil) programs require an additional clinical prerequisite. The criminal program prerequisite (Criminal Practice Clinic) has restricted registration, and requires a written application the semester before the course is to be taken. (Note: For Fall courses, regular students must apply in the preceding Spring semester. If you are transferring in the summer and wish to take this course in the Fall, contact Professor Krieger, lkrieger@law.fsu.edu to see if space remains for the course.)
- As above, you must consult the College website regarding externship requirements generally and for the specific program you are interested in. After reading the requirements, if you have questions you should contact the supervising professor listed.
 - a. Judicial, Civil, Legal Services, Appellate and International Programs: [Professor Gertz \(sgertz@law.fsu.edu\)](mailto:sgertz@law.fsu.edu)
 - b. Criminal Justice Programs: [Professor Krieger \(lkrieger@law.fsu.edu\)](mailto:lkrieger@law.fsu.edu)