

## Law and Government Institute Certificate Programs

### Objectives/Outcomes

#### **Administrative Law/Constitutional Law**

Students who earn the Administrative Law/Constitutional Law certificate will have focused their elective legal studies on government law. Students will take the Government Law Colloquium, State Constitutional Law and either Legislation or State Administrative Law. (All Widener Law Commonwealth students are required to take Federal Administrative Law.) Students also will complete the law school's writing requirement on a government law topic, as well as complete an internship in government law. Students must earn at least a 2.6 GPA in the required certificate courses to earn the certificate.

This certificate builds knowledge about the balance of power between government branches and the laws that govern administrative agencies. Students completing the certificate will have a heightened understanding of administrative law principles, especially at the state level, in a practical context. The certificate aims to intensify a student's experiential learning through a required internship that imparts professional and practical skills while also building knowledge. The certificate program enhances analytical skills, problem-solving capabilities, collaborative skills, and communication skills. By completing the certificate requirements, students are exposed to government in action while gaining a deeper understanding of government law.

#### **Legislation**

Students who earn the Legislation certificate will have focused their elective legal studies on government law. Students will take Legislation, Legislative Drafting and the Government Law Colloquium. (All Widener Law Commonwealth students are required to take Federal Administrative Law.) Students also will complete the law school's writing requirement on a government law topic, as well as complete an internship in government law. Students must earn at least a 2.6 GPA in the required certificate courses to earn the certificate.

This certificate focuses on the legislative process, including the drafting of statutes. Students completing the program will have heightened understanding of the legislative drafting process. The certificate aims to intensify a student's experiential learning through a required internship that imparts professional and practical skills while also building knowledge. The certificate program enhances analytical skills, problem-solving capabilities, collaborative skills, and communication skills. By completing the certificate requirements, students are exposed to government in action while gaining a deeper understanding of government law.

## **Environmental Law**

Students who earn the Environmental Law certificate will have focused their elective legal studies on environmental and sustainability law. Students will take the Government Law Colloquium, Environmental Law, and at least one additional elective (e.g., Land Use and Planning, Oil and Gas Law). (All Widener Law Commonwealth students are required to take Federal Administrative Law.) Students also will complete the law school's writing requirement on an environmental law topic, and take at least one skills class related to environmental law (e.g., Legislative Drafting, Sustainability Law Practicum). They must also complete an externship in environmental law. Students must earn at least a 2.6 GPA in the required certificate courses to earn the certificate.

This certificate focuses on the role of law in fostering environmental protection and sustainable development. Students completing the program will have heightened understanding of federal and state environmental law, as well as the tools and questions necessary to apply sustainable development concepts to real world legal situations. The certificate aims to intensify a student's experiential learning through a required externship that imparts professional and practical skills while also building knowledge. The certificate program enhances analytical skills, problem-solving capabilities, collaborative skills, and communication skills. By completing the certificate requirements, students are exposed to government in action while gaining a deeper understanding of environmental law and sustainable development.