

LOYOLA GENOCIDE JUSTICE CLINIC INFORMATION SHEET

The Loyola Genocide Justice Clinic (LGJC), a program of the Center for the Study of Law and Genocide (CSLG), welcomes applications for each semester.

The LGJC will allow students to complete real-world research projects on behalf of partners including the prosecutors at an international criminal court, international investigators and former prosecutors gathering evidence of potential international crimes, and nonprofit organizations focused on finding creative solutions to promote restitution for genocide survivors and heirs. At the end of the semester, each student will deliver a professional research memo on their assigned topic, to be submitted to the requesting partner.

Students will learn advanced techniques for conducting complex legal research and analysis, and how to write clear, concise memoranda that effectively explore and answer the question(s) presented.

Pedagogical class sessions will complement and contextualize the research project work. Though students will receive some background in genocide law and international criminal law, the primary focus of the clinical experience is on advocacy, and challenges to advocacy, in an international criminal justice setting.

Course requirements

Students must take at least **one (1)** of any of the following **prior to, or concurrent with**, the LGJC:

- Introduction to International Law
- Law and Genocide
- Law and the Use of Force
- International Criminal Law
- International Protection of Human Rights

Who may apply?

Clinic applications are open to:

- 2L, 3L day and evening JD students
- LLM students

Structure

The clinic will run for one semester (the “Standard Track”) in both the fall and the spring, with an option for students to enroll in a subsequent semester(s) in either the fall or the spring doing advanced work (the “Advanced Track”).

The Standard Track will consist of the following:

- Two hours of instruction per week, including pedagogy and/or skills training

- Weekly team meetings with the instructor
- Completion of one full-semester research project

The Advanced Track will consist of the following:

- Successful completion of one semester of the Standard Track
- Weekly team meetings with the instructor
- Completion of either one full-semester research project, or multiple smaller research projects

Units

Both the Standard Track and the Advanced Track will run for 3 units per semester, with an option for either 2 or 4 units available in exceptional circumstances.

Meeting Times

The weekly pedagogy class meeting time is scheduled after registration for the new semester is complete, in order to ensure availability for the maximum number of students. Individual team meetings are scheduled once projects have been assigned.

How To Apply

A completed application will include:

1. Completed application form
2. Current resume or CV
3. Current unofficial LLS transcript or grade printout

Application form: The LGJC Application Form can be completed via Symplicity.

Contact: Submit questions to CSLG Deputy Director Rajika Shah at rajika.shah@lls.edu.

Additional Information: Once applications are received and reviewed, applicants who are selected will be scheduled for a 15-minute interview.