

# Social Justice Certificate

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS' COLLEGE OF LAW



## DESCRIPTION

The Social Justice Certificate Program aims to recognize and enhance Loyola's core mission of advancing social justice and pursuing academic excellence through the Jesuit ideals. Through hands-on experience and focused academic study, students will be better positioned to effectively advocate for social justice in non-profit and government settings, as well as provide a strong signal of a student's commitment to social justice to fellowship programs and future employers.

## FACULTY



Professor Armstrong joined the Loyola Law School faculty in 2010. Her research focuses on the constitutional dimensions of prisons and jails, specifically prison labor practices, the intersection of race and conditions of incarceration, and public oversight of detention facilities. She teaches in the related fields of constitutional law, criminal law, race and the law, and constitutional criminal procedure.



Bill Quigley is a law professor and Director of the Law Clinic and the Gillis Long Poverty Law Center at Loyola University New Orleans. Bill has served as counsel with a wide range of public interest organizations on issues including Katrina social justice issues, public housing, voting rights, death penalty, living wage, human rights, civil liberties, educational reform, constitutional rights and civil disobedience.



Professor Garda joined the Loyola Law School faculty in 2002. His legal scholarship covers a variety of topics including: the rights of disabled students, affirmative action, integration in K-12 education, special education spending and legal issues surrounding charter schools. He works with national and local public interest groups on education and disability issues and is a frequent commentator in the Louisiana media on education issues.

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## REQUIREMENTS

### Required Experiential Components (7-10 hrs.)

- ⇒ One Semester of Clinical Seminar
- ⇒ One Semester of an Experiential Elective
- ⇒ 50 Hours of Additional Public Service Work

### Required Doctrinal Components (4-8 hrs.)

- ⇒ Law & Poverty
- ⇒ One Pool Course
- ⇒ Second Pool Course (for students with less than 10 hours in the Experiential Section)

## Experiential Elective Options

Street Law (3 hrs.)	Clinical Seminar–Live Client Clinic (5 hrs.)
Academic Externship (2 hrs.)	Human Rights Advocacy Project (3 hrs.)
Environmental Law Seminar–Environmental Policy Advocacy (2 hrs.)	

## Doctrinal Pool Courses

Law and Poverty Seminar: Tax and Social Justice (2 hrs.)	Law and Education Seminar (2 hrs.)
Employment Discrimination (3 hrs.)	Immigration and Nationality Law (3 hrs.)
Environmental Justice Seminar (2 hrs.)	Criminal Law Seminar: Minorities in the Criminal Justice System (2 hrs.)
Constitutional Law Seminar: Race and the Law (2 hrs.)	International Law Seminar: Human Rights Advocacy in the U.S. (2 hrs.)
Gender Law in Practice (2 hrs.)	Introduction to American Indian Law: Overlapping Jurisdictions (3 hrs.)
Immigration Law Seminar (2 hrs.)	Advanced Constitution Law–14th Amendment (3 hrs.)
Civil Rights Actions § 1983 (2-3 hrs.)	Child Advocacy Seminar (2 hrs.)

Students must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better in the Certificate courses and an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher to receive the Certificate.



For more information on the Social Justice Certificate Program, check out our [website](#) and [Facebook Group](#)!

