

## Earning Academic Credit for a Summer 2017 Externship @ Denver Law

Legal externships refer to monitored hands on legal and law-related work experiences in which the placement is outside of the law school (versus working in an in-house clinic or as part of a lab with a faculty member). In externships, students get real world working experience while establishing intentional learning goals and reflecting actively on what is learned throughout their experience under the guidance of both a Faculty Supervisor and Supervisor in the field.

At Denver Law, first-time externs earn credit for both their fieldwork and a corresponding academic seminar. After your first externship, you are a “repeat” extern and while you no longer enroll in a seminar, you still engage with faculty and reflect on your experience. With this structure, the program aims to provide opportunities for students to work directly with practicing attorneys while engaging in critical reflection about the legal profession, their legal career, and their priorities and values as lawyers and individuals.

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Specific educational objectives include:

- Developing the art of lawyering, including such skills as research, writing, legal analysis, client interviewing, communication, negotiation, and advocacy.
- Providing opportunities that integrate substantive learning with the practice of law.
- Promoting the ethical practice of law by sensitizing students to issues of professional responsibility.
- Assisting students to develop confidence in practical lawyering situations.
- Increasing students’ understanding of their own individual strengths and weaknesses as lawyers.
- Exploring and understanding workplace issues such as time management, workplace culture, teamwork, giving and receiving feedback, and achieving balance in one’s life.
- Promoting self-directed and lifelong learning.

**To receive academic credit for a Summer 2017 externship,  
please complete ALL of the following by April 24, 2017:**

Secure an externship with a supervisor who at least 5 years of relevant experience. Use our <a href="#">database</a> to search for a potential placement.	[ ]
Submit a signed Supervisor Acceptance Form to <a href="#">CORE</a> : The form is found here: <a href="http://www.law.du.edu/images/uploads/legal-externship-program/mentor-acceptance-form.pdf">http://www.law.du.edu/images/uploads/legal-externship-program/mentor-acceptance-form.pdf</a>	[ ]
Submit a Supervising Attorney Application <b>ONLY IF</b> your supervisor is <b>NOT</b> currently approved/in our database. <a href="https://rxpreceptor.com/signup/p/?UDenver">https://rxpreceptor.com/signup/p/?UDenver</a> . Institution code is SUPERVISINGATTORNEY	[ ]
Add yourself to the waitlist for <b>BOTH</b> your externship field work and the seminar: The Legal Externship Program will provide information about the seminar after you submit your Acceptance Form to CORE and your placement is confirmed. The externship seminar is a required component for first-time externs.	[ ]

**\*Note: If you are taking an externship for the first time during the Summer 2017 semester, you are required to attend Mandatory Orientation on May 18, 2017. If you fail to attend, you will not be able to participate in the Legal Externship Program during the Summer 2017 semester.\***

Contact the Legal Externship Program in Suite 365 or at [externships@law.du.edu](mailto:externships@law.du.edu) with any questions.