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| **SEMESTER(S) OFFERED** | Winter-Spring or Spring |
| **CLINICAL COURSE COMPONENT** | Government Lawyer: Semester in Washington Clinical Seminar |
| **COURSE CREDITS** | 3 spring classroom credits |
| **CLINICAL CREDITS** | 10 (Winter-Spring; 2 winter + 8 spring) or 8 (Spring) |
| **LOCATION** | Various placements in D.C. |
| **REGISTRATION TYPE** | By Application (Due August 17, 2023) |

**TYPES OF WORK**

Second- and third-year students spend the Winter-Spring or Spring Term in Washington, D.C., working full-time as legal interns in federal offices across the three branches of government. Placements are mostly in offices where lawyers conduct research and provide advice on policy, legislative or regulatory matters.

Past placements have included:

* The House and Senate Judiciary Committees
* The White House Counsel's Office
* The Department of Justice’s Civil Rights, Criminal, and Environment and Natural Resources Divisions
* The White House Office of Science and Technology
* The Federal Trade Commission
* The Office of Senator Elizabeth Warren
* Department of the Treasury’s General Counsel's Office
* The House Armed Services Committee
* The Securities and Exchange Commission

**SKILLS**

Students in the clinic typically work on policy and advocacy matters, drafting reports and policy papers, giving oral presentations, collaborating with policy partner organizations, and conducting legal research and writing. However, some placements involve brief writing, appellate litigation, and trial preparation.

**TYPICAL WORK SCHEDULE**

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| **Morning** | **Afternoon** | **Evening** |
| **8:30 - 9:15 am:** Take the Orange line from home to the Dirksen Senate Office Building**9:15 - 10:00 am:** Review legislation that will be subject to Committee mark-up later in the week.**10:00 - 11:30 am:** Attend Committee hearing; take notes for later memo for the Chief of Staff.**11:30 am - 12:30 pm:** Prepare memo summarizing the hearing for the Chief of Staff and recommend follow-up (e.g. meeting with advocacy stakeholders). | **12:30 - 1:15 pm:** Go to lunch with work colleagues to learn more about their careers.**1:15 - 2:30 pm:** Prepare memo to the Senator summarizing the legislation reviewed earlier and recommending how to vote at the mark-up.**2:30 - 3:30 pm:** Review vet memos for judicial nominees who will be subject of a nominations’ hearing next week.**3:30 – 4:15 pm:** Prepare Q & A for Senator for the nominations hearing. | **4:15 – 5:00 pm:** Have Zoom meeting with various NGOs concerned about legislative agenda moving in the House.**5:00 - 5:20 pm:** Meeting with supervisor to review the memos written and discuss upcoming work.**5:20 - 6:15 pm:** Take the Orange line across town for the SiW evening seminar. |