



**YOUR LITIGATION AND ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM.**



Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

Today's lawyers must be prepared to manage their clients' conflicts and to help them resolve their disputes efficiently and effectively. The University of Idaho College of Law's Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution (LADR) emphasis area offers students an opportunity to develop a wide range of conflict management and dispute resolution skills that are critical in today's competitive legal environment. From traditional courtroom litigation to the rapidly growing disciplines of negotiation and mediation within alternative dispute resolution, LADR students are educated for the dynamic 21st century legal environment.

The LADR program requires that students complete a challenging core of required courses and allows students to select from a wide variety of elective courses. Students participating in LADR will be required to complete at least 21 credit hours of coursework in addition to a substantial writing project on a topic within the litigation or alternative dispute resolution field under the supervision of a faculty member. Those completing the emphasis requirements successfully will have that fact noted on their transcripts, thus indicating that they have focused their legal studies in this important area.

Application to Concurrent LADR Emphasis

Students may apply to pursue the LADR Emphasis during their second year of law school.

The application is available at:

uidaho.edu/ladr





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Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Courses & Opportunities

Clinics

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Externships

The Extern Program aims to bridge the gap between theory and practice for law students by affording them the opportunity to work on a close, personal basis with judges or practicing attorneys. Externships include summer placements and the semester-long Semester in Practice Program. All these courses allow the student to partially or totally fulfill the professional skills requirement.

Each course in the Extern Program includes a field placement component that encompasses three aspects:

- (1) observation of and immersion in the day-to-day workings of a participating organization,
- (2) professional interaction between the student and the field placement supervisor, and (3) involvement in specific legal problems and the resolution of those problems.

Simulation Courses

Simulation courses allow students to develop lawyering skills within a simulated lawyering environment. These courses cover litigation skills, such as pre-trial and trial advocacy, negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and legal research and writing. Some take the form of competitions, such as the McNichols intramural appellate advocacy competition, Evidence Moot Court, National Moot Court Competition, Mediation Advocacy Competition, and the Craig Lewis Mock Trial team.

Specific LADR course requirements

LADR students are required to complete at least 21 credit hours from the following list of required or elective courses:

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Civil Mediation (2 cr) OR Family Mediation (2 cr)
- Evidence (3 cr)
- Negotiation and ADR (3 cr)
- Trial Skills (3 cr) OR Trial Advocacy (2 cr)

PRACTICE/SKILLS COURSES: ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

- Legal Aid Internship (1–6 cr)
- Mock Trial (2 cr)
- Moot Court (1–2 cr)
- Select Externships/Semester in Practice (3–12 cr)

TOTAL Required Credits must be at least 11 credits

ELECTIVE COURSES:

LADR students must take an additional 10 credits from the following list of elective courses. Students must take at least one elective from the list of Doctrinal Courses and one elective from the courses listed below:

DOCTRINAL COURSES:

- Administrative Law (3 cr)
- Conflict of Laws (2 cr)
- Criminal Procedure (3 cr)
- Federal Courts (3 cr)
- Immigration Law (3 cr)
- Remedies (3 cr)
- Taxation (3 cr)

PRACTICE COURSES:

- Advanced Legal Research (2 cr)
- Advanced Legal Writing (2 cr)
- Appellate Advocacy Program (McNichols) (2 cr)
- Architecture and the Law (2 cr)
- Clinical Labs (1–4 cr)
- Dispute Resolution (1-2 cr)
- Lawyering Process (2 cr)
- Legal Aid Internship (3–6 cr)
- Legal Drafting (2 cr)
- Select Externships/Semester in Practice (3–12 cr)

Students entering the LADR emphasis after the Fall 2014 semester will be required to maintain at least a 2.5 GPA in all courses applied to meet their LADR requirements. In addition, such students will be required to earn at least a grade of "C" or better in order to apply any course to meet their LADR emphasis requirement.

Writing Requirement

Under the supervision of the student's LADR Emphasis Advisor, or another full-time faculty member pre-approved by the LADR Emphasis Advisors, the student must complete a significant independent writing project on a Litigation or ADR-related topic. Whether written for Directed Study, Law Review, Critical Legal Studies, Legal Aid Clinic, or in fulfillment of the requirements of an elective class under this Emphasis, the paper must be equivalent in length and depth to a publishable law review article. If initially prepared for a regularly scheduled paper course, the paper will require additional effort and drafts beyond that required to pass the requirements of the course for which it is submitted for a grade. LADR papers which meet the rules for the Upper Division Writing Requirement may also be used to satisfy that requirement.

Student Organization

Many of the students enrolled in the LADR emphasis also participate in the Law Students for Appropriate Dispute Resolution ("LSADR") organization. LSADR sponsors a variety of popular dispute resolution training programs throughout the academic year. LSADR pro bono projects have given students an opportunity to develop their mediation and other dispute resolution skills. Each fall LSADR sponsors an intramural Advocacy in Mediation competition. In the spring, LSADR conducts an intramural Negotiation competition. Winners of each of these intramural events advance to regional competitions sponsored by the American Bar Association.



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