



JD/MS in
Government
Organization
and Leadership
(GOAL)

Creighton
UNIVERSITY

School of Law

THE
GOAL
PROGRAM



Go inside government with GOAL.

Can you see yourself in a career in government? Are you interested in being a leader at an organization that works closely with government? Do you want to experience legal work in a government setting?

Get a head start on your ambitions with Creighton University School of Law's Government Organization and Leadership (GOAL) program.

Students who participate in GOAL are able to earn two degrees—a Juris Doctor (JD) and a Master of Science (MS) degree in Government Organization and Leadership—in as little as three years.

At the center of the GOAL program is a semester living and working in the nation's capital. You'll be immersed in a full-time internship with a federal agency, Congressional committee, office of a member of Congress or a nonprofit organization that works with government.

GOAL takes you far beyond Creighton's classrooms and textbooks for a one-of-a-kind experience. You'll gain a winning combination of career-driven legal experience and professional networking opportunities.



Spend a semester *in the seat of government.*

During the first semester of your third year of law school, you'll live in Washington, D.C., while completing a full-time internship with a federal agency, Congressional committee, office of a member of Congress or a nonprofit organization that works closely with the government.

This semester is filled with hands-on legal experience. You'll be engaged in the day-to-day professional lives of your colleagues and immersed in practical experience, such as researching law, preparing memoranda or drafting policy statements. You may also participate in joint strategy sessions, hearings and conferences, as well as accompany your co-workers to various meetings and events.

Students locate their own internship placements based upon their personal career goals and interests. The Creighton University School of Law uses its vast network of alumni and long-standing, D.C.-based relationships to assist students in their efforts to secure placements.

Past GOAL students have completed internships in legal offices at locations including:

- Department of Defense
- Department of Education, Office of General Counsel
- Department of Justice
- Department of State, Office of Inspector General
- Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Environmental Protection Agency, Enforcement Division
- Military Commissions Defense Organization
- Peace Corps
- Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
- Senate Joint Economic Committee
- Senate Judiciary Committee
- Several Capitol Hill placements at members' offices
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration—Intergovernmental Affairs Staff (IGA)
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- White House, Cabinet Affairs
- World Bank





Take your *experience further.*

In Washington, D.C., opportunities abound. Beyond the internship experiences, students attend informational interviews, networking functions and many events and tours throughout the district.

Our students may visit the White House or Pentagon, meet with U.S. Senators, sit in on Supreme Court arguments and attend Creighton law alumni gatherings at prominent D.C. law firms and congressional hearing rooms.

You'll also attend seminars on practical aspects of a Washington, D.C., career—everything from making the most of networking opportunities to the value of nuanced communication, and even the appropriate attire for success.

Attending a reception or event can be much more than a social occasion. Many of our students have met professionals in their area of interest, and with the assistance of Creighton's team in Washington, they were able to turn many of those reception encounters into one-on-one informational interviews.

Prepare for leadership positions.

The GOAL program bridges theory and practice to form graduates as leaders in governmental agencies or legislative bodies at both the state and federal levels.

Outcomes

- Enhanced employment opportunities as lawyers in government service upon graduation
- A comprehensive understanding of the role of professional ethics in government settings, including a focused examination of the specific standards of ethical conduct applicable to lawyers in government service and to generic ethical principles arising from both the core values of society at large and the Jesuit tradition
- Skills in strategic planning, creativity, collaboration and consensus building
- A set of core competencies to promote the capacity to assume leadership roles
- An understanding of the role of attorneys within large and diverse governmental organizations



The GOAL Program

What Participants Say



“Creighton's GOAL program provides students an abundance of flexibility to make the experience their own. I was passionate about working in the US Senate. I worked on the Senate HELP Committee as a Pensions and Tax Policy intern. Under Chairman Sanders, I was able to enter the front lines of public policy debate and help staff members dive into the details of numerous tax and retirement issues.”

– **JAMES DRISCOLL CRABBE, MS, JD'24**

Pension and Tax Policy Intern, U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions



“My experience with the GOAL program provided me with invaluable experience moving forward into my career. I learned so much while working for the federal government and made connections in Washington, D.C. that will last a lifetime. I know that my time spent in my externship will pay dividends throughout my career, especially if I ever want to work for the government.”

– **HEIDI STRIGENZ, MS, JD'24**

Voter Rights Intern, U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division



“The GOAL program was the reason I chose Creighton and was the single best experience I had in law school. The ability to work in D.C. and expose myself to that working environment has completely changed my path following law school.”

– **COLE PLUMMER, MS, JD'20**

Deputy District Attorney for the 18th Judicial District Colorado

Intern, U.S. Department of Defense

Earn a JD/MS dual degree.

The Master of Science in Government Organization and Leadership requires completion of 35 credit hours, including an internship in Washington, D.C., and a major paper requirement. Thirteen credit hours taken for the JD degree may count toward completion of the MS. Five credits of specific GOAL courses taken may count toward completion of the JD degree.

To secure the MS and the JD degrees, you must assemble a total of 107 credit hours. The receipt of a JD degree is a prerequisite to receipt of the Master of Science degree in the GOAL program.

JD/MS Curriculum

REQUIRED COURSES IN OMAHA

Administrative Law	LAW 307	(3)
Ethics in Government	GOL 720	(2)
Government Organization and Research	GOL 670	(1)
Seminar in Interdisciplinary Leadership Theory	GOL 615	(3)
State and Local Governments in a Federal System	LAW 406	(3)
Applied Political Philosophy in Governance	GOL 690	(2)

REQUIRED COURSES IN WASHINGTON, D.C.*

While in the nation's capital as a third-year student, you'll take a course to enhance your practice experience. The course examines the issues of leadership and the role of counsel in government and features speakers in top leadership positions throughout D.C.

Counsel Roles and Leadership in Government Agencies	GOL 710	(3)
Internship Program	GOL 730	(11)

*Coursework may be online or may include some in-person meetings. The internship generally begins the Tuesday after Labor Day in September and lasts until the first or second week of December.

ELECTIVES*

(Minimum of 7 credits from the approved list below)

Advanced Constitutional Law	LAW 311	(3)	Health Care Organizations	LAW 376	(2)
American Constitutional Interpretation Law	LAW 305	(3)	Health Information Privacy	LAW 368	(2)
Climate Change and International Environmental Law	LAW 379	(2)	Immigration Law	LAW 370	(2-3)
Comparative Constitutional Law	LAW 309	(2)	International Criminal Law	LAW 382	(2-3)
Copyrights	LAW 339	(3)	International Law	LAW 423	(3)
Current Topics in Public Health Law	LAW 362	(3)	Land Use Law	LAW 387	(3)
Education Law	LAW 432	(2)	Law of Armed Conflict	LAW 402	(2)
Elder Law	LAW 350	(3)	Cyber Law	LAW 397	(2)
Employment Discrimination	LAW 346	(2-3)	Mergers and Acquisitions	LAW 380	(3)
Employment Law	LAW 398	(3)	National Security and Foreign Relations Law	LAW 409	(3)
Energy Law	LAW 354	(2)	Native American Law	LAW 403	(3)
Environmental and Natural Resources Law	LAW 349	(2)	Patent Law	LAW 413	(3)
Estate and Gift Taxation (Federal)	LAW 351	(3)	Race and the Law	LAW 389	(3)
Federal Courts: Jurisdiction and Procedure of the District Courts	LAW 361	(2-3)	Securities Regulation	LAW 436	(3)
Federal Habeas Corpus	LAW 420	(2-3)	Supreme Court Seminar	LAW 438	(1)
Federal Income Taxation	LAW 363	(3)	Trademarks and Unfair Competition Law	LAW 440	(3)
First Amendment Freedom of Speech	LAW 366	(2-3)	White Collar Crime	LAW 459	(3)
Food and Drug Law	LAW 359	(3)			
Health Care Insurance Law	LAW 347	(2)			

*list is subject to change



Support for your GOAL experience.

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

Please visit law.creighton.edu/goal for current tuition information.


If you have a federal financial aid award, your award is usually increased to cover this amount. Since JD/MS-GOAL students are already law students, no additional Creighton fees or charges are attached to the GOAL tuition.

To help pay for your education, Creighton School of Law can help you secure financial aid and federal student loans, such as the Stafford and Grad-Plus loans.

TRAVEL AND LODGING

Participating students are responsible for their own travel and lodging arrangements.

For more information on financial aid, contact the Office of Financial Aid at gpfinaid@creighton.edu or **402.280.2731**.

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