Notice of VLGS Amendment to the Academic Regulations

Effective: **Thursday, March 14, 2024**

Students Effected: **Effective immediately upon approval by faculty.**

Amendment Type: **JD Externships**

Academic Regulation: **Sections III.B, III.E.2.d, III.E.5.c, IV.B F.1, IV.B G.1, IV.B J.1. and XI.E.1**

Amendment Description:

NEW LANGUAGE

Amend academic regulation III.B with the changes in red below.

1. Enrollment in a clinic or externship requires permission of the Director, or the Director's designee.

2. A student may participate in an externship in ~~fourth~~ the fifth or sixth semester[1]. Ordinarily, a student with a GPA below 2.4 will not be allowed to enroll.

3. Students are permitted to enroll in clinical courses after satisfactory completion of 28 credits.

4. All clinics and externships are limited enrollment courses with enrollment and application procedures established for each program.

5. A student may not:
   a. Enroll in both a ~~more than one~~ clinic and an ~~or~~ externship course in any one semester;
   b. Enroll in a clinic or externship course that substantially repeats the experience gained in the same or another clinic or externship course;
   c. ~~Except for apart-time JD Externship,~~ Enroll in the same experiential course more than once[2];
   d. Enroll in an externship program with the same ~~mentor~~ supervisor or at the same site at which the student has been placed as an extern, has or had an employment ~~relationship or has worked as a~~ or volunteer relationship unless the program will provide a qualitatively different or broader learning experience than the student has had as a volunteer or an employee;

[1] Summer school does not count as a semester unless the student is pursuing the Accelerated JD or the extended scheduling option. See Regulations III.A.7. and III.A.8.c.

[2] This regulation does not preclude a student from enrolling in an advanced clinic because advanced clinic is a separate course offering that is distinct from the related clinic course.

e. Enroll in a clinic or externship that presents a significant possibility of a conflict of interest based on the student's enrollment in a different clinic or externship, the student's prior or current employment relationship, or the student's prior or current work as a volunteer, unless the conflict can be effectively managed by the clinic or externship;

f. Extern under ~~the supervision of mentors~~ a supervisor not admitted to practice law. This requirement applies whether the ~~mentors~~ upervisor is working in a governmental agency, non-profit organization, private law firm, for-profit corporation, or as a judge. The only exception is in the fields of lobbying or policy work. For those externships, the ~~mentor~~ supervisor must have a law degree but need not be actively licensed to practice law; ~~or~~

g. Receive compensation for work performed in an externship course for which academic credit is granted, unless the Director of JD Externship Program determines that compensation is not likely to diminish the educational experience; or

h. Enroll in more than 23 total JD Externship credits.

6. Joint degree and dual degree students must receive prior approval from the joint degree or dual degree program Director, or the Director's designee, in addition to the full-time externship program Director's approval, before enrolling in a full-time externship program.

7. The number of credits available for an ~~part-time~~ externship shall be determined by the student in consultation with the externship Director, or Director's designee, ~~in consultation~~ and with the ~~mentor~~ supervisor at the time of approval of the externship. Once the number of credits has been agreed upon, it may not be changed without the approval of the externship Director, and under no circumstances may it be changed beyond the end of the Add/Drop period. Any number of credits from ~~four~~ six to ~~eight~~ thirteen may be set, depending upon the amount of student time required by the project and upon approval of the Director or ~~her~~ their designee and ~~mentor~~ supervisor, such credit to be figured at the rate of three hours of student time per week per credit.

Amend academic regulation III.E.2.d with the changes in red below.

d. A student who is on academic probation is not permitted to run for election to, or serve on the executive board of, the Student Bar Association. A student who is on academic probation is not permitted to run for election to, or serve in a leadership position (such as an officer or chair) of, any other co-curricular or extracurricular student group. A student who is on academic probation will be assigned a Faculty Mentor and must meet with the Faculty Mentor regularly until graduation. The exact meeting schedule and requirements will be determined by the Faculty Mentor. A student who has been on academic probation may not do an ~~full-time Semester in Practice or~~ an externship for more than six credits during their last semester. A student who has been on academic probation may not participate in a class which has a travel component requiring students to miss any other regularly scheduled class.

Amend academic regulation III.E.5.c with the changes in red below.

c. A student who is in EIS is not permitted to run for election to, or serve in a

leadership position (such as officer or chair) of more than one co-curricular or extracurricular student group. A student who has been in EIS may not do ~~a~~ ~~full-time Semester in Practice or~~ an externship for more than six credits during their last semester. A student who has been on EIS may not participate in a class which has a travel component requiring students to miss any other regularly scheduled class.

Amend academic regulations IV.B F.1, IV.B G.1, IV.B J.1, by replacing the term "Semester in Practice" with "JD Externship".

Amend academic regulation XI.E.1 (Concentration in Criminal Law) with the changes in red below

> ~~Part-time JD~~ Externship ~~or full-time SIP~~ in a prosecutor's or defender's office or ~~part-time or full-time~~ judicial setting ~~externship~~ where 50% or more of student's time is spent on criminal matters. ~~(6-12 credits depending on whether placement is part or full-time)~~

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