

INFORMATION REGARDING ADVANCED AND CONTINUING CLINICS

1. Clinic Credit Hours for Advanced Clinic Students

Students who have completed one semester of a clinic may continue in that same clinic for for a subsequent semester for experiential credit. They may do so for two, three, or four credits, with the consent of the clinic instructor. The number of credits is to be determined by the student and their instructor. All advanced clinic students are required to attend six one-hour class sessions scheduled throughout the semester and to contribute to clinic orientation. Students enrolling as an advanced clinic student must devote the following hours of out-of-class work per week, over a twelve-week semester:

<u>No. of Credits</u>	<u>Out-of-class work</u>
2 credits	7 hours
3 credits	10.5 hours
4 credits	14 hours
5 credits	17.5 hours
6 credits	21 hours

2. Clinic Credit Hours for Continuing Clinic Students

Students who want to continue in a clinic for second or third semester for non experiential credit may do so for two, three, or four credits with the consent of the clinic instructor. The number of credits is to be determined by the student and their instructor. Students enrolling as a continuing clinic student must devote the following time below to their office hours each week over a twelve-week semester:

<u>No. of Credits</u>	<u>Office hours work</u>
2 credits	7 hours
3 credits	10.5 hours
4 credits	14 hours
5 credits	18 hours
6 credits	21.5 hours

3. Summer Clinics

The summer clinic course, when available offers students the opportunity to develop their skills in the general areas of interviewing, counseling, dispute resolution, law practice management, legal research and other core lawyering skills that advances their career development. As a primarily experiential course, this course focuses on teaching professional skills and integrates doctrine, theory and legal ethics. Students in the summer clinic will be assigned cases from either the Family and Veterans Advocacy Clinic or the Tax Dispute Resolution Clinic. Students enrolling with an interest in Family and Veterans issues will learn about divorce, custody, child support, family violence, protective orders, veterans' benefits and other issues, plus preparing for trials and other issues. Students enrolling with an interest in tax will learn how to dispute additional taxes imposed by the IRS (during audits, administrative appeals, or Tax Court litigation) and how to settle tax debts for less than the full amount owed. The summer clinics are not offered every summer semester.

NAME OF CLINIC	NUMBER OF CREDITS ENROLLED FOR	CLASS MEETING HOURS	OUT-OF-CLASS HOURS (also includes clinic office hours)
SUMMER/ TDRC SUMMER/ FVAC	3 credits	2hours per week for 2 weeks 9:30am-11:30am	20 hrs per week For 7 weeks Class counts toward the Total of 20 hours.

4. Office Hours Form

Each student is required to submit an Office Hours form which is in **Appendix A**. This must be completed and turned in once you are accepted and before clinic orientation. All students are required to set their own office hours in accordance with their instructor’s policy. First time clinic students should expect to spend a minimum of 6-8 out of class hours in the clinic space, depending on the clinic and number of credits taken (see the chart above for more precise guidelines). Continuing or Advanced clinic students will need to spend hours in the clinic as determined by their instructor. This allows the student some flexibility to set their hours around their class schedule. For clarification of hours please see the following chart.

# of Credits	Class Meeting Hours	Out-of-Class Work
2	2 hours per week	5 hours per week
3	2 hours per week	8.5 hours per week
4	2 hours per week Patent Clinic and Probate & Estate Planning Clinic Only	12 hours per week Patent Clinic and Probate & Estate Planning Clinic Only
4	3 hours per week	11 hours per week
5	3 hours per week	14.5 hours per week
6	3 hours per week	18 hours per week