Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution (with J.D. Degree)

Marquette Law School students will earn the Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution in Law upon graduation with the J.D. and completion of the following requirements, including a minimum of 16 credits from the selected coursework, internships, supervised fieldwork, or clinics, and preparation of a paper on a dispute resolution topic.

Students who have completed at least 29 credits and are interested in earning the certificate shall register with the Director of the Dispute Resolution Program. Students will meet with the director or another designated faculty advisor to discuss the student’s goals and the program’s requirements. Mandatory meetings will occur at the beginning of both the student’s second and third years (or their equivalents, in the case of part-time students). Another meeting will be held during the student’s final semester before graduation to ensure that the program’s requirements have been met.

Curriculum Requirement

The following courses fulfill the curriculum requirements for the certificate. Additional courses may be added to these categories of required classes upon the recommendation of the Director of the Dispute Resolution Program and the approval of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

1. Required Course (3 credits)
   - Alternative Dispute Resolution

2. Three Dispute Resolution Skills Courses (6-9 credits)
   a. Arbitration Workshop
   b. Interviewing and Counseling
   c. Mediation Advocacy
   d. Mediation Clinic
   e. Negotiation Workshop

3. Two Additional Courses in Related Processes (or any of the above courses not already counted toward the preceding course requirement) (4-6 credits)
   a. Administrative Law
   b. Advanced Civil Procedure
   c. CLI: Problem Solving Courts and Trauma
   d. Criminal Process
   e. Family Law and ADR
   f. S: International Conflict Resolution (Spring 2019)
   g. W: Civil Pretrial Practice
   h. W: Criminal Practice
   i. W: Negotiating Business Transactions
   j. W: Sports Sponsorship – Legal and Business Issues
   k. W: Trial Advocacy I
   l. S: Comparative International Conflict Resolution (Spring 2020)
Experiential Learning Requirement

Each student fulfills the experiential learning requirement by engaging in two experiences in one or more of the following categories: clinics, judicial internships, and supervised fieldwork placements. A student may also meet one of the two required experiences through an approved competition. Additional clinics, judicial internships, or supervised fieldwork placements may be adopted upon the recommendation of the Director of the Dispute Resolution Program and the approval of the Director of Clinical Education and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

1. Clinics
   a. Mediation Clinic (if not counted above)
   b. Prosecutor Clinic (2 experiential learning requirements)
   c. Public Defender Clinic (2 experiential learning requirements)

2. Judicial Internships
   a. Family Division Judges

3. Supervised Fieldwork Programs
   a. All District Attorney Office Placements
   b. AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
   c. Catholic Charities Legal Services for Immigrants
   d. Centro Legal
   e. Internal Revenue Service
   f. Legal Action of Wisconsin
   g. Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee
   h. Medical College of Wisconsin Office of Risk Management
   i. Milwaukee City Attorney Office
   j. Milwaukee County Child Support Services
   k. Milwaukee County District Attorney Early Intervention Unit
   l. US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission – Mediation Advocacy Program
   m. Waukesha County Corporation Counsel – Child Support Division
   n. Wisconsin State Public Defender – Juvenile and Trial Division Offices

4. Competitions
   a. Game Day Sports Case Competition
   b. INADR International Mediation Competition
   c. Intramural Negotiation Competition
   d. Intramural Representation in Mediation Competition
   e. Intramural Sports Law Negotiation Competition
   f. National Baseball Arbitration Competition
   g. National Basketball Negotiation Competition
   h. Northeastern Invitational Mediation Tournament
   i. Regional ABA Client Counseling Competition
   j. Regional ABA Negotiation Competition
   k. Regional ABA Representation in Mediation Competition
   l. Sports Law Negotiation Competition
   m. Consensual Dispute Resolution Competition
The writing requirement must be satisfied by a paper of publishable quality, between 15-25 pages, focusing on a topic in dispute resolution in a course or directed research for academic credit. This requirement may be satisfied by a paper completed for a course qualifying for the curriculum requirement, for another law school course (with topic approval by the Director of the Dispute Resolution Program), or as a directed research for academic credit (with topic approval by the Director of the Dispute Resolution Program).