

If you are considering the **Criminal Practice** concentration, you are preparing for practice in the following settings:

- Small or midsize law firm or public defender’s office
- State or local prosecutor’s office or city attorney’s office
- Public interest organization focused on criminal representation, or issue advocacy

You may do any of the following in practice:

- Advise clients charged with crimes, either juveniles, adults or both
- Draft motions, petitions, subpoenas, appeals, and other documents related to prosecuting or defending criminal cases
- Negotiate resolution of charges or represent clients in court proceedings
- Create non-custodial sentencing options with local support groups and other agencies
- Work with immigration agencies and courts

To complete the Criminal Practice concentration, you must complete 7 courses in criminal practice-related subject matter. Specifically,

You must take the following Required Courses as early as possible:

- Criminal Procedure Investigation
- Evidence
- Criminal Procedure Adjudication OR New York Criminal Procedure

You must take at least 1 of the following Doctrinal Electives:

• Advanced Issues in Criminal Law	• Prisoners’ Rights
• Comparative Criminal Procedure	• White Collar and Corporate Crime
• Juvenile Justice	

You must take at least 1 of the following Capstone or Simulation Courses:

• Advanced Appellate Advocacy	• Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation
• Advanced Research Skills	• Trial Advocacy
• Advanced Trial Advocacy	

You must take at least 2 of the following Professional Experience Courses:

• Criminal Justice Clinic	• Human Rights in Action Externship (in an approved criminal tribunal)
• Federal Criminal Pretrial Litigation	• Prosecution Externship
• Honors Prosecution Externship	• State Judicial Externship (in criminal court)

In order to qualify for the Concentration, you must achieve an average of B or better in Concentration courses, with no grade below a C. You must maintain an overall GPA of 2.5 or better. You should consult with the following faculty regarding this concentration: Prof. Lissa Griffin