# Fall 2017 Additional Activities/Experiences

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Credited Activities/Experiences

Externships

A. Business Law Practice Credit (BP900)
This is an externship credit for students interested in business law. Each student works in an approved placement and spends an average of five hours per week, totaling a minimum of 65 hours per semester, assisting attorneys in handling matters involving various areas of business law. Because of the differing types of work in these placements, the number of hours of field work may vary somewhat week to week, as determined by the student, the faculty advisor, and the field supervisor. Students are required to keep journals that describe and evaluate their experiences in the field and must meet periodically with the faculty supervisor. In order to register for this credit, students must submit the Business Practice Credit Form and receive approval from the Business Practice Credit Faculty Coordinator (Professor Lustig), their Faculty Advisor and submit this to the Registrar’s Office. Prerequisite or co-requisite: Various business law courses, based on subject matter of field work. More information can be found here: https://student.nesl.edu/centers/BusinessPracticeCreditFAQs.cfm

B. International Externships
Currently, New England Law offers semester long externships in international law at: the International Bar Association, the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, the International Criminal Law and the U.S. State Department. Through these programs, participants will have the opportunity to learn more about the actual functioning of international law, network with legal professionals from all over the world, and most importantly, contribute to the process of international law and justice. Students will receive 13 academic credits (11 un-graded, 2 graded) for participating in this program.

These externships will meet one (1) of the Professional Skills/Experiential Education requirements towards the J.D. degree.

Enrollment for the externships is limited and prioritized for students during their third year, although they should apply in their second year. Interested students must be in good academic standing as stated in the Student Handbook, (Rule A.2.). They must also have taken Public International Law and preferably one other international law-related course and have demonstrated a commitment to international law. Please contact Professor Lisa Laplante for more information (llaplante@nesl.edu).

C. Practice Credit (PC900)
The Practice Credit provides an opportunity for students to gain practical legal experience in a setting outside the law school. Each student works in an appropriate placement that has been approved by a faculty member who teaches a related subject. Students spend an average of five hours per week, totaling a minimum of 65 hours per semester, assisting attorneys in handling matters involving various areas of the law that is the subject of their Practice Credit. Because of the differing types of work in these placements, the number of hours of field work may vary somewhat from week to week, as determined by the student, the faculty member, and the field supervisor. Students will submit weekly journals, describing and reflecting on their experiences in the field and will meet periodically with their faculty advisor to explore the relationship between the principles covered in the substantive class and the students' fieldwork. In order to register for this credit, students must submit the Practice Credit Form and receive approval from his or her Faculty Advisor and designated oversight body, which will be either faculty from one of the three academic centers or a designated subcommittee of the Curriculum Committee.
Please note that students may not take more than two Practice Credits courses overall, whether the Business Practice credit, this more general Practice Credit or a combination of the two. Students may not take more than one Practice Credit per semester, and may not take the Practice Credit in the same semester as they are taking a clinical course, the Honors Judicial Clerkship or a Business Practice Credit. Pre/co-requisites are at the discretion of the faculty advisor and based on subject matter of field work.

**Independent Legal Research**

Independent Legal Research provides a student the opportunity to study an area not otherwise covered in the curriculum, under the supervision of a full-time faculty member who has expertise in the area studied. The goal of an Independent Legal Research project is for the student to demonstrate mastery of a legal issue or topic, substantial legal analysis, logical organization and writing competence. Students must find a full-time faculty member to supervise the project. The project must culminate in a written report. Students enrolled in Independent Legal Research receive a letter grade for the course. Ordinarily, no student may receive credit for more than one Independent Legal Research project. There is a limit of two (2) credit hours for such projects.

**Note:** Independent Legal Research projects may be undertaken only by students in the final year of law school.

As a general rule, for one credit hour, a student should be prepared to spend a minimum of **56 hours** in research, writing, and in a tutorial with the student's Independent Legal Research faculty advisor; the written report should be **25-30 pages** in length. For two credit hours, a student should be prepared to spend a minimum of **112 hours** in research, writing, and in a tutorial with the student's Independent Legal Research faculty advisor; the written report should be **50-60 pages** in length. The time in tutorial should equal approximately 7 hours in face-to-face meetings over the entire semester. No clinical experience or work done for any course or employer, or done any time prior to registering for Independent Legal Research, may be used as an Independent Legal Research project.

No faculty member may have more than 15 students during any academic year for whom he/she acts as Independent Legal Research Advisor. Additionally, please note that adjunct faculty cannot supervise Independent Legal Research projects.

**Before registering**, the student must complete an **Independent Legal Research Form** (available online and at the Registrar’s Office) containing: (i) the title of the proposed project; (ii) a breakdown of the approximate minimum hours to be spent: (a) in research and writing; (b) in the tutorial with a faculty member who has agreed to act as the Independent Legal Research advisor to the student; and (iii) a proposed schedule outlining times by which a first draft, second draft, and final draft will be completed. In addition to these items, the student must attach to the form the following three items: 1) a narrative description of the area of proposed study, 2) an outline setting forth in reasonable detail the questions or issues to be addressed, and 3) a tentative bibliography on the research topic. The form **must contain the signature of a full-time faculty member**, agreeing to act as the supervisor of the project and approving the student’s proposal. The student **must also obtain the signature of the Coordinator of Independent Legal Research Projects**, approving the project. **The ILR Form must be submitted to the Registrar’s Office to complete registration.** A student may only register for Independent Legal Research during the registration period each semester.
Memberships

Students registering for credits based upon their membership on the Law Review should register (using the codes listed on the next page) as they would for any other course. The rules governing the number of credits that may be registered for, which are contained in the Law Review by-laws (available on the New England Law website and also at the library), should be carefully reviewed by students prior to registering for Law Review credits.

Note: Students may earn a maximum of 6 credits for Law Review.

Please refer to Rule A.9 of the New England Law | Boston Student Handbook for the complete school policy on eligibility, registration, and certification of credits for work on Law Review.

Eligibility
Credit is available for students in the second semester of their first year of membership on the Law Review or in both semesters of their second year of membership.

Limitation upon credits
2. No student participating in more than one of the activities listed in A.9. and A.10. may accumulate more than six (6) hours of credit.
3. No eligible student shall receive more than four (4) credits during a semester.
4. No eligible student shall receive more than two (2) credits during his or her second semester of membership on the Law Review.
5. Such credits shall not be computed in the student's cumulative average; however, they are counted toward the residency requirement and other degree and semester requirements.

A. Law Review Credits - Maximum of 6 Credits

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B. National Lawyering Skills Competition - Maximum of 2 Credits; Course #: NL-450-D-02

These credits may be earned by participation on the law school’s moot court or mock trial teams in external competitions. **A student may receive those credits for only one such participation.** Students registering for those credits must fill out the National Lawyering Skills Competition Form located on the Registrar’s page under Forms, have the appropriate Faculty Advisor sign Part 1 of the form and turn the signed form into the Registrar’s Office. The Registrar’s Office will then send the form to the advisor at the end of the semester to have Part 2 filled out verifying the completion of the competition. The decision to approve the credits is solely within the discretion of the Faculty Advisor.

3.
Non-Credited Activities/Experiences

A. ROTC Agreements with Boston University

New England Law | Boston and Boston University have "cross-town" agreements available for New England Law students interested in pursuing a law career in the Air Force or Army.

The Air Force ROTC is located at AFROTC Detachment 355. For more information, call (617) 353-4705. See http://www.bu.edu/rotc/ for details.

For the Army ROTC, call (617) 353-4025. See http://www.bu.edu/armyrotc/ for details.

Please note: No academic credit is awarded for this experience; a notation will be entered on your academic transcript.

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