Graduate Certificate in Dispute Resolution

Clients and society today need and expect much more than traditional advocacy from their lawyers. Modern lawyers need to be able to address legal problems in ways that accommodate a variety of needs, goals and values, in addition to vindicating legal rights. As a result, today’s lawyer must have the knowledge, skills and perspectives not only to advocate in the courtroom, but to participate in such processes as client counseling, negotiation, mediation, arbitration and creative problem-solving.

The MU Certificate in Dispute Resolution is designed to foster such learning in students by providing the opportunity to work with some of the nation’s leading dispute resolution scholars and practitioners. The MU School of Law has been ranked No. 1 in dispute resolution by U.S. News and World Report since 1999, and has more full-time faculty specializing in dispute resolution than any other law school.

This certificate program will give students an advantage in addressing the complex challenges of today’s legal environment.

Requirements

To receive a Certificate in Dispute Resolution from the MU School of Law, a J.D. student must take at least 12 credit hours of dispute resolution courses approved by the Law School. Eight of those credit hours are required core program courses and provide students with a basic understanding of the theory, skills and practice of dispute resolution. Students must take at least 2 additional elective courses from among the courses approved for the Certificate program.

### Core Courses

- **LAW 5095** Lawyering: Problem Solving and Dispute Resolution 2
- **LAW 5810** Negotiation 3

### Skills courses (select one)

- **LAW 5350** Arbitration 3
- **LAW 5765** Mediation 3
- **LAW 5925** Trial Practice 3-4

### Elective Courses (select two)

- **LAW 5350** Arbitration (not if taken as a core course) 3
- **LAW 5420** Client Interviewing and Counseling 2
- **LAW 6710** Comparative Dispute Resolution (SA) 2
- **LAW 5450** Conflict and Conflict Management 3
- **LAW 5485** Cross-Cultural Dispute Resolution 2
- **LAW 5496** Deal Skills Class 3
- **LAW 5537** Emotional Intelligence in Law 3
- **LAW 5875** Research in Law 3
- **LAW 5652** International Commercial Arbitration 3
- **LAW 5680** Journal of Dispute Resolution 1-3
- **LAW 5765** Mediation (not if taken as a core course) 3
- **LAW 5770** Mediation Clinic 1-2
- **LAW 5925** Trial Practice (not if taken as a core course) 3-4
- **PUB_AF 8620** Organizational Analysis and Change 3
- **PUB_AF 8150** Collaborative Governance 3
- **PUB_AF 8160** Organizational Dynamics and Leadership 3

Additional Information

Additional details and a list of courses satisfying the certificate requirements are available from the School of Law at [https://law.missouri.edu/academics/certificates/dispute-resolution-certificate/](https://law.missouri.edu/academics/certificates/dispute-resolution-certificate/).