

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/>.