Graduate Certificate in Dispute Resolution

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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

Students Graduating in 2016 or 2017

Students who enrolled at the law school for the first time before the Fall of 2015, can complete the Certificate in Dispute Resolution from the MU School of Law, by taking at least 10-11 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 2-3 additional elective hours from among the courses approved for the Certificate program.

Students Graduating in 2018 or thereafter

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.

Additional details and a list of courses satisfying the certificate requirements are available from the School of Law at http://www.law.missouri.edu/academics/certificates/resolution.html.

Federal Gainful Employment disclosure information for this Graduate Certificate is available at http://gradschool.missouri.edu/academics/programs/dispute-resolution-graduate-certificate/dispute-resolution-ge/GeFt.html