

Law, Justice and Advocacy



THE UNIVERSITY
OF TAMPA

Minor in Law, Justice and Advocacy

The law, justice and advocacy minor offers a unique combination of experiential legal education and traditional academic inquiry. Area lawyers and judges train students to brief cases, advance through the stages of litigation in trial court and hone oral and written arguments. Courses in related disciplines such as history and philosophy develop the research, critical reasoning and writing skills that are necessary for students preparing to attend law school. Pictured above are UT students in competition at the South Central Regional of the American Moot Court Association hosted by Texas Tech University School of Law.

Preparing Students for Law School

The **law, justice and advocacy minor** provides students with the opportunity to complete a course of substantive law study at the undergraduate level. Students must take Introduction to Law, Justice and Advocacy; one advocacy course (Appellate Advocacy or Trial Advocacy); two additional core courses (Legal Research and Writing, Ethics or Constitutional History); and one law elective.

Sample Electives

- Business Law and Social Responsibility
- Civil Rights Movement
- Constitutional Law I
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Freedom of Speech and First Amendment Studies
- Legal Issues and Risk Management in Sport
- Logic
- Philosophy of Law

In accordance with guidelines from the American Bar Association, UT has not established a specialized “pre-law” major but instead encourages prospective law students to develop strong skills in analysis, problem-solving, critical reading, oral communication, listening, research, organization and management. UT’s law, justice and advocacy curriculum emphasizes each of these areas.

Research in Law

Students may participate in one-on-one legal studies with faculty members through independent study courses and Honors tutorials. UT Research and Inquiry Grants also support faculty-mentored research projects.

Internship Opportunities

UT students have interned at the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, State Attorney’s Office, Hillsborough County court system, private law firms and charitable organizations. UT is within walking distance to the federal district courthouse, county courthouse and county law library.

Moot Court

UT students have a long tradition of successful participation in moot court. They have received top orator awards at the regional tournaments of the American Moot Court Association and have advanced to national competition. UT has also served as a tournament host.

Inn of Court

UT students participate in the Bruce R. Jacob Criminal Appellate Inn, which promotes professionalism and civility among the lawyers who practice criminal appellate law in Florida’s Second District Court of Appeal. This unique inn has student members from the Stetson University College of Law and UT. Its masters and barristers are assistant public defenders, assistant attorneys general, staff attorneys and judges of the Second District, as well as professors from Stetson.

Phi Alpha Delta

Students may choose to join the Phi Alpha Delta professional law fraternity. UT also sponsors forums with attorneys as guest speakers, campus visits by law school representatives and student visits to law schools.

Expert Instructors

Courses are taught by UT faculty and instructors who are experienced, working attorneys. Students benefit from their mentorship and connections as they pursue internships and prepare for law school. Highlights include:



Laura Roe is the special legal counsel for the St. Petersburg Police Department. She teaches Appellate Advocacy and Legal Research and Writing.



Jared Krukar is a board-certified appellate specialist with the firm of Kynes, Markman & Felman, P.A. He teaches Appellate Advocacy.

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Megan Frain '21

Major: history

Minor: law, justice and advocacy

Hometown: Philadelphia, PA

Activities: Phi Alpha Theta history honor society, chemistry lab mentor

"I intend to go to law school after graduating from UT. The history major and the law, justice, and advocacy minor have allowed me to feel both confident and prepared for this next step in my education. Studying history allows students to understand how laws have evolved in response to the times. An understanding of legal precedent allows lawyers to draw reasonable conclusions. I've also learned to research efficiently, which is essential for law. The minor's Legal Research and Writing class is preparing me to read cases and analyze information quickly. I am learning to keep my writing concise and straightforward."

Law Schools Attended by Recent UT Alumni

Taylor Pecci '18

B.A. in Psychology

University of Florida Levin College of Law

Aislinn Sroczynski '18

B.A. in Government and World Affairs

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law

Emmanuelle Yeremou-Ngah '18

B.S. in Criminology and Criminal Justice

St. John's University School of Law; named a

New York City Bar Diversity Fellow

Kyle Reminick '18

B.A. in Economics

Brooklyn Law School

Melissa Micceri '18

B.A. in History

Stetson University College of Law

Jocelin Tapia '17

B.A. in Psychology

The University of Texas at Austin School of Law

Rebecca Grossberg '17

B.S. in Sport Management

Yeshiva University Cardozo School of Law



"Moot court was my favorite experience at UT. I made professional connections and had amazing opportunities to meet judges and attorneys. I learned to brief, read cases, argue both sides of an issue, be an advocate and more. I have been light-years ahead of some of my classmates from the day I walked into law school."

—**Aislinn Sroczynski '18** (left), Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, shown here with moot court tournament partner **Melissa Micceri '18**, Stetson University College of Law



About UT

The University of Tampa is a medium-sized, private university offering more than 200 undergraduate and graduate programs of study. Richly diverse, UT is the school of choice for approximately 9,600 students from all 50 states and 130 countries.

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