



**JD/MS in
Government
Organization
and Leadership
(GOAL)**

Creighton
UNIVERSITY
School of Law

THE
GOAL
PROGRAM



Go inside government with GOAL.

Can you see yourself in a career in government? Are you interested in being a leader at an organization that works closely with government? Do you want to experience legal work in a government setting?

Get a head start on your ambitions with Creighton University School of Law's Government Organization and Leadership (GOAL) program.

Students who participate in GOAL are able to earn two degrees—a Juris Doctor (JD) and a Master of Science (MS) degree in Government Organization and Leadership—in as little as three years.

At the center of the GOAL program is a semester living and working in the nation's capital. You'll be immersed in a full-time practicum with a federal agency, Congressional committee, office of a member of Congress or a nonprofit organization that works with government.

GOAL takes you far beyond Creighton's classrooms and textbooks for a one-of-a-kind experience. You'll gain a winning combination of career-driven legal experience and professional networking opportunities.



Spend a semester *in the seat of government.*

During the first semester of your third year of law school, you'll live in Washington, D.C., while completing a full-time externship with a federal agency, Congressional committee, office of a member of Congress or a nonprofit organization that works closely with the government.

This semester is filled with hands-on legal experience. You'll be engaged in the day-to-day professional lives of your practicum colleagues and immersed in practical experience, such as researching law, preparing memoranda or drafting policy statements. You may also participate in joint strategy sessions, hearings and conferences, as well as accompany your co-workers to various meetings and events.

The Creighton University School of Law uses its vast network of alumni and long-standing, D.C.-based relationships to assist students in their efforts to secure practicum placements.

Past GOAL students have completed practicums in legal offices at locations including:

- Department of Defense
- Department of Education, Office of General Counsel
- Department of Justice
- Department of State, Office of Inspector General
- Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Environmental Protection Agency, Enforcement Division
- Military Commissions Defense Organization
- Peace Corps
- Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
- Senate Joint Economic Committee
- Senate Judiciary Committee
- Several Capitol Hill placements at members' offices
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration—Intergovernmental Affairs Staff (IGA)
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- White House, Cabinet Affairs
- World Bank





Take your *experience further.*

In Washington, D.C., opportunities abound. Beyond the practicum experiences, students attend informational interviews, networking functions and many events and tours throughout the district.

Our students may visit the White House or Pentagon, meet with U.S. Senators, sit in on Supreme Court arguments and attend Creighton law alumni gatherings at prominent D.C. law firms and congressional hearing rooms.

You'll also attend seminars on practical aspects of a Washington, D.C., career—everything from making the most of networking opportunities to the value of nuanced communication, and even the appropriate attire for success.

Attending a reception or event can be much more than a social occasion. Many of our students have met professionals in their area of interest, and with the assistance of Creighton's team in Washington, they were able to turn many of those reception encounters into one-on-one informational interviews.

Prepare for leadership positions.

The GOAL program bridges theory and practice to form graduates as leaders in governmental agencies or legislative bodies at both the state and federal levels.

Outcomes

- Enhanced employment opportunities as lawyers in government service upon graduation
- A comprehensive understanding of the role of professional ethics in government settings, including a focused examination of the specific standards of ethical conduct applicable to lawyers in government service and to generic ethical principles arising from both the core values of society at large and the Jesuit tradition
- Skills in strategic planning, creativity, collaboration and consensus building
- A set of core competencies to promote the capacity to assume leadership roles
- An understanding of the role of attorneys within large and diverse governmental organizations



The GOAL Program

What Graduates Say



“The GOAL program was the most rewarding aspect of my law school career. The opportunity to work full-time for the Military Commissions Defense Organization was unlike any other experience I could imagine. While walking to and from the metro stop every morning and evening, I passed by the United States Supreme Court. The magnitude of what that building and that institution represent was never lost on me.”

– **SCOTT STRAUS, MS, JD'17**
*Assistant Attorney General, Civil Litigation Bureau,
Nebraska Department of Justice*



“In the end, it’s not just that you’re defending the accused. You’re defending the Constitution where that right to counsel is written. In order for there to be justice for all, that zealous advocacy on behalf of your client—no matter what they’re accused of—is part of it.”

– **AMBER FOLEY, MS, JD'18**
Public Defender | Sioux City, Iowa

Completed practicum with the Military Commissions Defense Organization (MCDO). During the fall of 2017, she joined a cadre of military and civilian lawyers—many with Creighton connections—to defend the accused masterminds behind the terrorist attacks of 9/11.



“The GOAL program was the reason I chose Creighton and was the single best experience I had in law school. The ability to work in D.C. and expose myself to that working environment has completely changed my path following law school.”

– **COLE PLUMMER, MS, JD'20**
*Deputy District Attorney for the 18th Judicial District
Colorado*

Earn a JD/MS dual degree.

The Master of Science in Government Organization and Leadership requires completion of 35 credit hours, including an externship in Washington, D.C., and a major paper requirement. Thirteen credit hours taken for the JD degree may count toward completion of the MS. Five credits of specific GOAL courses taken may count toward completion of the JD degree.

To secure the MS and the JD degrees, you must assemble a total of 107 credit hours. The receipt of a JD degree is a prerequisite to receipt of the Master of Science degree in the GOAL program.

JD/MS Curriculum

REQUIRED COURSES IN OMAHA

Administrative Law	LAW 307	(3)
Government Organization and Research	GOL 670	(1)
Leadership: Theories, Models, Behavior	GOL 615	(3)
State and Local Governments in a Federal System	LAW 406	(3)
Workshop: Emerging Perspectives on Governance	GOL 690	(2)

REQUIRED COURSES IN WASHINGTON, D.C.*

While in the nation's capital as a third-year law student, you'll take two courses to enhance your practical experiences: One examines issues of leadership and the role of counsel in government and features speakers in top leadership positions throughout D.C., and the other examines specific ethical issues encountered by attorneys in public service.

Counsel Roles and Leadership in Government	GOL 710	(3)
Ethics in Government	GOL 720	(2)
Government Externship and Practicum	GOL 730	(11)

**Coursework begins with one full week of class prior to the start of practicums. After that, the coursework takes place in the evenings, as students are working a normal 40-hour week during the externship. Students are also expected to take part in informational interviews, networking events, and maintain regular contact with their mentor during their time in D.C.*

ELECTIVES*

(Minimum of 7 credits from the approved list below)

Climate Change and International Environmental Law	LAW 379	(2)	Health Care Organizations	LAW 376	(2)
Comparative Constitutional Law	LAW 309	(2)	Health Information Privacy	LAW 368	(2)
Congress and the Legislative Process	PLS324/524	(3)	Immigration Law	LAW 370	(2-3)
Copyright Law	LAW 339	(3)	International Criminal Law	LAW 382	(2-3)
Current Topics in Public Health Law	LAW 362	(3)	International Law	LAW 423	(3)
Education Law	LAW 432	(2)	Land Use Law	LAW 387	(3)
Elder Law	LAW 350	(3)	Law of Armed Conflict Seminar	LAW 402	(2)
Employment Discrimination	LAW 346	(2-3)	Legal Issues in Electronic Commerce	LAW 397	(2)
Employment Law	LAW 398	(3)	Mergers and Acquisitions	LAW 380	(3)
Energy Law	LAW 354	(2)	National Security and Foreign Relations Law	LAW 409	(3)
Environmental and Natural Resources Law	LAW 349	(4)	Native American Law	LAW 403	(3)
Estate and Gift Taxation	LAW 351	(3)	Patent Law	LAW 413	(3)
Federal Courts: Jurisdiction and Procedure of the District Courts	LAW 361	(2-3)	Race and the Law	LAW 389	(2)
Federal Habeas Corpus	LAW 420	(2-3)	Securities Regulation	LAW 436	(3)
Federal Income Taxation	LAW 363	(3)	Supreme Court Seminar	LAW 438	(1)
First Amendment Freedom of Speech	LAW 366	(2-3)	Trademarks and Unfair Competition Law	LAW 440	(3)
Food and Drug Law	LAW 359	(3)	White Collar Crime	LAW 459	(3)

**list is subject to change*



Support for your GOAL experience.

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

Please visit law.creighton.edu/goal for current tuition information.


If you have a federal financial aid award, your award is usually increased to cover this amount. Since JD/MS-GOAL students are already law students, no additional Creighton fees or charges are attached to the GOAL tuition.

To help pay for your education, Creighton School of Law can help you secure financial aid and federal student loans, such as the Stafford and Grad-Plus loans.

TRAVEL AND LODGING

Participating students are responsible for their own travel and lodging arrangements.

For more information on financial aid, contact the Office of Financial Aid at gpfinaid@creighton.edu or **402.280.2731**.

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