JD Learning Outcomes

All Creighton law students benefit from a robust and balanced combination of (1) doctrinal classes, (2) practical skills courses, and (3) experiences that reflect Ignatian values. The doctrinal curriculum develops students’ abilities to analyze and solve legal problems; to think carefully and critically; to use sound practical judgment; and to be imaginative and original when appropriate.

Practical skills courses bridge the gap between theory and practice. These courses train students in the tools, techniques, and skills necessary to practice law successfully and ethically. Students learn by doing and gain insight into how the law operates in the real world.

Reflecting Creighton’s Jesuit identity, Creighton law students experience Ignatian values including personal and professional formation and seeking justice for all.

Creighton law graduates will:

1. Demonstrate familiarity with a core body of substantive legal principles, procedural rules, and process areas, all of which require analytical and critical thinking skills necessary for a successful law practice.

2. Exhibit a clear and effective range of skills, including written and oral communication, required to work successfully in a legal environment.

3. Conduct legal research and information-gathering required for effective legal analysis and synthesis.

4. Model the ethical responsibilities of a lawyer and develop or deepen the capacity for reflective judgment and professional integrity.

5. Develop or deepen and maintain an understanding of the role and duties of the legal professional in a society of people of different races, ethnicities, sexes, genders, sexual orientations, religions, cultures, ages, and abilities.

6. Experience the Ignatian value of seeking justice for all, especially the poor and marginalized.