

1. What is an externship?

An externship is an opportunity for law students to earn academic credit while gaining real-life legal experience. Student externs work at courthouses, organizations, or firms known as field placements. Student externs are supervised by a licensed attorney who is known as a field supervisor.

2. Where have Savannah Law School Students externed in the past?

The United States Attorney’s Office
Southern District of Georgia

Chatham County Superior Court

District Attorney’s Offices

Chatham County Public Defender’s Office

Georgia Legal Services Program

The Mediation Center of Savannah

... just to name a few!



3. How many credits can I earn in a semester?

The number of credits earned is directly related to the minimum number of hours students must work at their field placement.

Number of Credits	Total Hours Worked (Minimum)	Average Hours Worked Per Week ¹
2	94	6-7
3	141	10
4	188	13-14
5	235	16-17
6	282	20

4. How many externship credits am I eligible to receive while in law school?

Students may earn a total of 12 externship credits during their law-school career. Students interested in participating in the externship program for more than one semester are encouraged to apply to a different field placement, but may complete up to two semesters at one placement site for a maximum combined total of six externship credits. Students can earn a minimum of two externship credits any semester.

¹ Hours are based on a traditional fourteen (14) week fall or spring externship.

5. How do I register for an externship?

In order to register for an externship you must have successfully completed all required first-year courses and have at least a 2.0 GPA.² The application procedures will vary by placement, but most will require a resume prior to interviewing applicants.

6. Will I get paid during my externship?

Paid Externships are not permitted. However, students may be able to get credit for work for which they receive funding from third party sources, including grants, scholarships, or stipends.

7. How is the externship graded?

Externships are graded on a Pass/No Credit/Fail grading scale. In order to pass the Externship Course, a student must successfully complete the required number of hours at his or her field placement AND successfully complete the classroom component.



² First-year courses include: Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, Contracts, Real Property, LRWA, and Torts.

8. What does the classroom component entail?

Students in the Externship Program are required to attend a brief orientation prior to the start of their externships and complete weekly timesheets and assignments throughout their externship. The classroom component is conducted online through TWEN, the Westlaw education network.

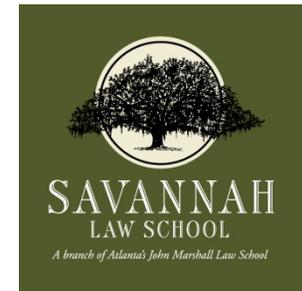


Students must turn in all assignments by the end of the semester *and* earn at least 200 points to pass the classroom component.

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