



Litigation and Advocacy Certificate

Students who obtain a certificate in Litigation and Advocacy will have the practical working understanding of legal advocacy as well as public speaking skills that are equally relevant in the courtroom and the workplace. Students will be better versed in critical thinking argumentation and the relationships between legal and social advocacy. The knowledge and skills they will develop in gathering evidence developing arguments and understanding diverse populations will help them become more marketable, both as potential law students as well as communication professionals.

Required Courses (9 hours)

Students are required to complete the following courses:

- PLA 4703 Professional Ethics and Liability (3 hours)
- PLA 4910 Trial Advocacy (3 hours)
- Students **must** choose between
 - SPC 4513H Honor Argumentation and Debate (3 hours) **or**
 - SPC 4513C Argumentation and Debate (3 hours)

Electives (6 hours)

Students are required to complete **two (2)** courses from the following list. Students **must** satisfy the prerequisites if any for each course before enrolling in the class.

- COM 4110 Business and Professional Communication
- COM 4461 Intercultural Communication
- PLA 3951H Honors Moot Court
- PLA 4226 Advanced Trial Advocacy
- PLA 4263 Evidence
- SPC 3445 Leadership Through Oral Communication
- SPC 4540 Persuasion and Communication

Other important things to know:

- 15 total hours for the certificate.
- A minimum overall GPA of 2.0 is required in courses used to satisfy the certificate.
- Internship or Independent Study credit cannot be used towards the certificate.
- Students are required to take courses as specified and to declare the certificate.
- Students must satisfy the prerequisites, if any, for each course before enrolling in the class.
- Students can check the [current UCF Undergraduate catalog](#) for full course descriptions.