

# JD Concentrations

## CONCENTRATIONS

J.D. students at NUSL have the option of concentrating in one or more of the following eight areas:

- Labor, Work & Income
- Intellectual Property and Innovation
- Business and Commercial law
- Health Law and Policy
- Criminal Law and Justice
- International Law and Human Rights
- Law and Development
- Poverty Law and Economic Justice

These concentrations are designed to allow students to focus in depth on an area of the law, and to demonstrate to prospective employers that they have done so. Concentrations may be listed on resumes and will be noted on transcripts.

Students are not required to concentrate in any area. Students who wish to concentrate must first submit a “Concentration Declaration Form” to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs no later than **October 1<sup>st</sup> of their last year**. To finalize the concentration, students must submit to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs a “Concentration Certification of Completion Form” not later than **the end of the second week of their final quarter**.

The specific requirements for each concentration are listed below. The specifics vary by concentration, but all of the concentrations require students to earn 12 quarter credits in the field. In most instances, students must take 2 courses from a list of “core” courses and 2 courses from a list of “relevant” courses. The list of “relevant” courses may not include recently added or substantially revised courses with significant concentration-related content. The concentration advisor may deem such courses as “relevant courses” with pre-approval. Students may not apply a single course to fulfill both the “core” and “relevant” requirements within a single concentration; courses cannot double count within a single concentration.

In addition, students must complete either a clinic, paper, or co-op in the field. The Concentration Advisor, in consultation with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs when necessary, will make the determination as whether the paper, co-op or clinic for which the student seeks to obtain Concentration credit is sufficiently “in the field” to meet the Concentration requirement. It is up to the student to make the case to the Advisor, obtaining, if necessary, assistance from the Co-op Office as to the work done on a co-op or the clinic instructor as to work done in a clinic. If a clinic is listed as a relevant

course, it will satisfy the requirement; however, a clinic used to satisfy the paper/co-op/clinic requirement cannot simultaneously be used to satisfy the "core" or "relevant" course requirement. Papers that can satisfy the upper level writing requirement can also satisfy the concentration paper requirement. Papers must be a substantial project of integration of their work in the field, at the faculty advisors' discretion.

Questions about any specific concentration should be addressed to the Concentration Advisor. Logistical questions should be addressed to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs.

# Concentration in Labor, Work and Income

**Concentration Advisor:** Emily Spieler ( [e.spieler@northeastern.edu](mailto:e.spieler@northeastern.edu) )

## **Core Courses:**

- Collective Bargaining
- Labor Law I
- Labor Law II
- Employment Law – Job Security & Rights
- Employment Law – Compensation, Benefits & Retirement
- Employment Law – Health & Safety
- Employment Discrimination
- Labor Arbitration Workshop
- Social Welfare Law

## **Relevant Courses:**

- Administrative Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Disability Law
- Entertainment Law
- Federal Courts
- Health Law
- Immigration
- Legal Interviewing and Counseling
- Negotiation
- Sports Law
- Whistleblower Law

## **Requirements:**

- Twelve academic credits with two courses selected from a list of “core” courses; two from either the list of “core” courses or the list of “relevant” courses; and either a clinic, a paper or a coop in the field.
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# Concentration in Intellectual Property and Innovation

**Concentration Advisor:** Susan Montgomery  
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## Core Courses:

- Copyright Law
- Intellectual Property
- Patent Law
- Trademark Law

## Relevant Courses:

- Accounting & Finance for Lawyers
- Antitrust
- Bioproperty
- Branding Law & Practice
- Creative & Innovative Economies
- Entertainment Law
- Global AIDS Policy Seminar
- Information Privacy Law
- Information Security Law
- IP CO-LAB clinic
- IP Transactions Practice
- Internet Law
- Lab Seminar in Applied Design & Legal Empowerment
- Law & Technology
- Legislation & Regulation

## Requirements:

- Twelve academic credits with two courses selected from a list of “core” courses; two from either the list of “core” courses or the list of “relevant” courses; and either a clinic, a paper or a coop in the field.
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# Concentration in Business and Commercial Law

**Concentration Advisor:** Dan Danielsen  
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## Core Courses:

- Antitrust
- Basic Income Taxation
- Business Bankruptcy – Commercial Law
- Corporate Taxation
- Corporations
- Payment Systems
- Secured Transactions
- Securities Regulation

## Relevant Courses:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Collective Bargaining
- Community Business Law Clinic
- Consumer Bankruptcy
- Consumer Law
- Corporate Finance: Transactions
- Entertainment Law
- Environmental Law
- Inside Counsel
- Intellectual Property
- IP CO-LAB
- Intellectual Property Transactions Practice
- International Business Regulation
- International Business Transactions
- International Trade
- Labor Law I
- Law of Financial Institutions
- Modern Real Estate Development
- Negotiation
- Quantitative Methods
- State & Local Taxation
- Trademark and Branding Law
- Transactional Drafting Seminar
- Whistleblower Law

## Requirements:

- Twelve academic credits with two courses selected from a list of “core” courses; two from either the list of “core” courses or the list of “relevant” courses; and either a clinic, a paper or a coop in the field.
- Students must submit a “Concentration Declaration Form” to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of their last year.
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# Concentration in Health Policy and Law

**Concentration Advisor:** Kristin Madison  
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**Required Course:** Health Law

**Core Courses:**

- Bioethics & the Law
- Current Issues in Health Law & Policy
- Drug Law & Policy
- Global Health Law
- Problems in Public Health Law

**Relevant Courses:**

- Administrative Law
- Advanced Legal & Interdisciplinary Research
- Bioproperty
- Disability Law
- Domestic Violence Clinic
- Economic Perspectives on Health Policy
- Elder Law
- Environmental Law
- Global AIDS Seminar
- Global Health
- Health Care Fraud & Abuse Law
- Legislation & Regulation
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Occupational Health & Safety
- Public Health Advocacy Clinic
- Private Litigation in the Public Interest
- Quantitative Methods
- Reproductive & Sexual Rights and Health
- Social Welfare Law

**Requirements:**

- Twelve academic credits, including Health Law, and one additional course selected from a list of “core” courses; two from either the list of “core” courses or the list of “relevant” courses; and either a clinic, a paper or a coop in the field.
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# Concentration in Criminal Law and Justice

**Concentration Advisor:** Deborah Ramirez ([d.ramirez@northeastern.edu](mailto:d.ramirez@northeastern.edu))

## **Core Courses:**

- Advanced Criminal Procedure: Adjudications
- Advanced Criminal Procedure: Investigation

## **Relevant Courses:**

- Balancing Liberty & Security
- Civil Rights & Restorative Justice Clinic
- Criminal Defense Advocacy Externship
- Criminal Trial Practice
- Evidence
- Federal Courts & the Federal System
- Healthcare Fraud and Abuse Law
- Immigration Law
- Juvenile Courts: Delinquency, Abuse & Neglect
- Prisoners' Rights Clinic
- Race, Justice, and Reform
- Social Welfare Law
- Whistleblower Law
- Wrongful Convictions & Post-Conviction Remedies

## **Requirements:**

- Twelve academic credits with two courses selected from a list of “core” courses; two from either the list of “core” courses or the list of “relevant” courses; and either a clinic, a paper or a coop in the field.
- Students must submit a “Concentration Declaration Form” to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of their last year.
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# Concentration in Environmental and Energy Law

**Concentration Advisor:** Lee Breckenridge  
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## Core Courses:

- Environmental Law
- Land Use
- Natural Resources Law
- Energy Law and Policy
- International Environmental Law
- International Trade: Energy and Sustainability Focus

## Relevant Courses:

- Administrative Law
- Negotiation
- Bioproperty
- State and Local Government
- Corporations
- International and Foreign Legal Research
- Constitutional Litigation
- Public Health Advocacy Clinic
- Private Litigation in the Public Interest
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Quantitative Methods
- Current Issues in Health Law & Policy
- National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition

## Requirements:

- Twelve academic credits with two courses selected from a list of “core” courses; two from either the list of “core” courses or the list of “relevant” courses; and either a clinic, a paper or a coop in the field.
- JD/MELP students can use two courses transferred from the Vermont Law School summer program as relevant courses. Students can also seek permission from the faculty advisor to take relevant courses in the broader university in lieu of a “relevant course.”
- Students must submit a “Concentration Declaration Form” signed by their faculty advisor to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of their last year.
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# Concentration in International Business Law

**Concentration Advisor:** Dan Danielsen  
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## Core Courses:

- Corporations
- International Business Transactions
- International Trade Law
- Law & Economic Development

## Relevant Courses:

- Community Economic Development
- Comparative Law: Law, Markets & Democracy in East Asia
- Corporate Tax
- Global AIDS Policy Seminar
- Human Rights & the Global Economy
- Immigration Law
- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property Transactions
- International Investment Arbitration & Litigation Practice
- International & Foreign Legal Research
- Negotiation
- Secured Transactions
- Transactional Drafting
- Whistleblower Law

## Requirements:

- Twelve academic credits with two courses selected from a list of “core” courses; two from either the list of “core” courses or the list of “relevant” courses; and either a clinic, a paper or a coop in the field.
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# Concentration in International Law and Human Rights

**Concentration Advisor:** Martha Davis ([m.davis@northeastern.edu](mailto:m.davis@northeastern.edu))

## Core Courses:

- International Law
- Human Rights & the Global Economy

## Relevant Courses:

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- Civil Rights & Restorative Justice Clinic
- Comparative Law: Law, Markets & Democracy in East Asia
- Disability Law
- Global AIDS Policy Seminar
- Global Energy Justice
- Global Health
- Human Rights, the Environment, Development and Community Resilience
- Human Rights in the United States
- Immigration Law
- Immigrant Justice Clinic
- International & Foreign Legal Research
- International Business Regulation
- International Business Transactions
- International Environmental Law
- International Trade Law
- Law & Economic Development
- Prisoners' Rights Clinic
- Private Litigation in the Public Interest
- Problems in Public Health Law
- Public Health Advocacy Clinic
- Refugee & Asylum Law
- Reproductive & Sexual Rights & Health
- Social Welfare Law
- The Rights of Non-Citizens

## Requirements:

- Twelve academic credits with two courses selected from a list of “core” courses; two from either the list of “core” courses or the list of “relevant” courses; and either a clinic, a paper or a coop in the field.
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# Concentration in Law and Development

**Concentration Advisor:** Daniel Danielsen  
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## Core Courses:

- Law & Economic Development
- Community Economic Development

## Relevant Courses:

- Administrative Law
- Basic Income Taxation
- Consumer Law
- Community Business Law Clinic
- Comparative Law: Law, Markets & Democracy in East Asia
- Corporate Taxation
- Corporations
- Disability Law
- Education Law
- Environmental Law
- Global AIDS Policy Seminar
- Global Health
- Health Law
- Health Law Fraud & Abuse
- Human Behavior, Legal Doctrine & Policy Design
- Human Rights & the Global Economy
- Human Rights in the United States
- Human Rights, the Environment, Development & Community Resilience
- Intellectual Property
- International Environmental Law
- International Trade Law
- Labor Law
- Land Use
- Law and Inequality
- Law of Financial Institutions
- Law & Technology
- Legislation
- Natural Resource Law
- Poverty Law & Practice Clinic
- Private Litigation in the Public Interest
- Quantitative Methods
- Reproductive & Sexual Rights & Health
- Securities Regulation
- Social Welfare Law
- State & Local Government
- State & Local Taxation

## Requirements:

- Twelve academic credits with two courses selected from a list of “core” courses; two courses from either the list of “core” courses or the list of “relevant” courses; and either a clinic, a paper or a coop in the field.
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# Concentration in Poverty Law and Economic Justice

**Concentration Advisor:** Lucy Williams  
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## Core Courses:

- Community Economic Development
- Housing Matters: Fair Housing Laws & Homelessness
- Law and Economic Development
- Law and Inequality
- Poverty Law and Practice Clinic
- Social Welfare Law

## Relevant Courses:

- American Legal Thought
- Administrative Law
- Civil Rights & Restorative Justice Clinic
- Civil Trial Practice
- Consumer Law
- Critical Legal Approaches to Race
- Disability Law
- Domestic Violence Clinic
- Drug Law and Policy
- Economic Perspectives on Health Policy
- Education Law
- Elder Law
- Employment Discrimination
- Employment Law: Compensation, Benefits and Retirement
- Family Law
- Givelber Distinguished Lecture Series
- Global AIDS Policy Seminar
- Health Law
- Immigration Clinic
- Immigration Law
- Legal Interviewing & Counseling
- Negotiation
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Problems in Public Health Law
- Public Health Advocacy Clinic
- Quantitative Methods
- Refugees and Asylum Law
- Reproductive and Sexual Rights and Health
- Rights of Noncitizens
- Sexuality, Gender and the Law
- State and Local Government

## Requirements:

- Twelve academic credits with two courses selected from a list of “core” courses; two courses from either the list of “core” courses or the list of “relevant” courses; and either a clinic, a paper or a coop in the field.
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# Concentration in Privacy Law

**Concentration Advisor:** Woodrow Hartzog

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## Core Courses:

- Information Security Law
- Privacy Law
- Internet Law
- Data Compliance and Regulation (on-line)

## Relevant Courses:

- Intellectual Property Survey
- Bioproperty
- Bioethics and the Law
- Health Law
- IP Transactions Practice
- Consumer Protection
- Employment Law: Job Security & Rights
- Law of Financial Institutions
- Community Business Law Clinic
- IP CO-LAB
- First Amendment
- Whistleblower Law
- Education Law
- Entertainment Law

## Requirements:

- Twelve academic credits with two courses selected from a list of “core” courses; two from either the list of “core” courses or the list of “relevant” courses; and either a clinic, a paper or a coop in the field.
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