

TIPS FOR STUDENTS FROM STUDENTS

Tailor your experience to fit your career goals, academic interests, and personal passions.

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TIP #1: PROPOSE YOUR OWN PAPER TOPICS TO YOUR PROFESSORS.

Professors love to encourage creative thinking and unique ideas – if you have something you want to research and write about, try to figure out if there is a class where that fits in, then propose that to the professor! In law school, I've written papers about things from fetal injury and Beethoven to animal copyright and Guns N' Roses!

These papers can be a great way for you to explore new research or career interests while still in school, testing out new ideas and theories with professors. As an added bonus, you can take these papers and use them as writing samples or submit for publication!

TIP #2: PARTICIPATE IN CLINICS AND EXTERNSHIPS.

Clinics and externships are both great opportunities to branch out from a traditional legal education and get some hands-on experience in an area of the law that you're interested in. You can participate in volunteer programs through various clinics, or take them for credit, meaning your course schedule could be diversified with classes, research papers, and hands-on work, practical work.



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While a lot of your law school career will be filled with academic papers and exams, clinics and externships give you the opportunity to work on other forms of legal research and writing, including memos, op-eds, factums, and more!

TIP #3: EMBRACE THE DIVERSITY IN COURSE OPTIONS!

One really fun thing about law school is the vast range of courses offered – from business and corporate law, tax classes, and AI governance, to human rights classes, comparative constitutional criminal law, and classes in law and the humanities, there is a class for everyone in law school!

Many students like to specialize in one area, taking all of their classes in IP-related classes, or tax-related classes. My advice is to branch out and take some classes outside of the area you think you want to work in – you might surprise yourself and find something you really enjoy! Even if you don't, there is no downside to being a more well-rounded and educated lawyer, or person.

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