

CIVITAS CHILDLAW CENTER

Children's Law and Policy Executive Program

Advocating for children and families takes more than a good heart. You need a firm understanding of the law and an ability to function effectively in the legal system, which is why Loyola University Chicago has been a strong supporter of the national CASA organization since 2011.

Loyola and CASA have partnered to tailor a curriculum that will better serve the organization's leaders and provide training consistency across all CASA offices. The Executive Program will help you how to navigate effectively within the legal system and provide high quality advocacy and leadership on behalf of the children you serve.

Overview:

The Children's Law and Policy Executive Program has been created as an online and user-friendly instructional format that is flexible for adults. Students in the Executive Program are required to complete three courses. Enrolled students may choose to take 16 additional credits to receive a Master in Jurisprudence (MJ) in the Children's Law and Policy degree program.

CASA members registered in the Executive Program build stronger support and networking opportunities with other CASA members. They will also widen their connections in the program, as they will be enrolled in courses with colleagues who work in a variety of disciplines that represent children and families.

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Named **top law school in the country for child law** by PreLaw magazine in Fall 2018.

Loyola was ranked **#1 in the country** in Family Law by Law Street Media in 2015.

Executive Program Curriculum Requirements

Students must complete 8 credit hours and may start in either the fall (September) or spring (January) term*

Semester 1:

Introduction to the Study of Law and the Legal System (2 credits)

Child Welfare Law and Policy (2 credits)

Semester 2:

Leadership Development (4 credits)

*Students may choose to continue to acquire 16 additional credit hours and receive the Master of Jurisprudence degree in Children's Law and Policy.



Loyola's nationally recognized Civitas ChildLaw Center is committed to providing justice for children through teaching scholarship and service.

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PROGRAM COSTS

- **Tuition:** \$1,420 per credit hour
- **Total cost of program:** \$11,360
- **Additional expenses:** textbooks, headset, wired Internet access
- **Financial aid:** is not available for students enrolled in a non-degree program. If a student chooses to pursue the MJ degree and is enrolled in 4 or more credit hours per term, they become eligible for financial aid.
- **Cohort discounts:** are possible for two or more staff members per CASA office.

ON-CAMPUS WEEKENDS (Optional)

In addition to the required curriculum, students may also attend an on-campus Education Immersion Weekend (EIW), which takes place once a year at Loyola's Civitas ChildLaw Center. The weekend program includes a Friday evening dinner with the faculty, fellow students, and alumni. Saturday consists of workshops, lectures, guest speakers, interactive role-playing exercises and training, and more. There is no tuition charge for the EIW; however, travel costs are paid by the attendee. Loyola provides information to discounted hotels and parking.

DEDICATED FACULTY

The faculty at the Civitas ChildLaw Center combine **professionalism and years of experience** in the fields of child and family law. Students benefit from a faculty of law practitioners who both teach and practice in the various facets of child law and policy-related work. They are committed to helping students attain a deeper understanding of the complex issues in child and family law and to develop sound strategies to address those issues.

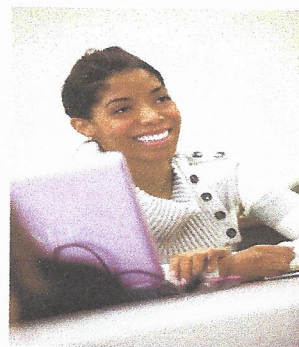
APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis for both fall and spring enrollment. The application deadlines are August 15 for the fall term (term begins in late August) and December 15 for the spring term (term begins in early January). Prospective students will need to submit:

- Online application (no application fee)(Select Program: Non-degree MJ courses)
- Current resume
- Transcripts from all universities or colleges attended
- Statement of indicating course choices
- Two letters of recommendation
- Neither the GRE nor the LSAT are required for admission to the Executive or MJ Program

E-LEARNING MADE EASY

Students do not have to be tech gurus to succeed in Loyola's online courses. The program is easy to navigate and uses technology to create a combination of solo and group learning experiences that work with students' diverse schedules.



- **Module design**—Courses are organized into class sessions called modules, which are accompanied by online, downloadable lectures and may contain reading assignments, quizzes, and writing exercises. Each student progresses through the modules, completing approximately one module per week during the 12-week semester.
- **Live classes**—Students and professors come together periodically for live online classroom discussion. Sessions are archived.
- **Tech support**—Loyola provides step-by-step orientation to the learning management system and ample help to guide new and continuing students.

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