

Education 615J – Education and the Law

This course introduces teachers to their legal rights and responsibilities and those of their students. It examines issues such as liability for student injury, due process and discipline, search and seizure, freedom of expression and religion, dress and grooming regulations, and racial and sexual discrimination and affirmative action.

There are three bases on which students may apply for a waiver for this component of the program: A. they have had an equivalent course; B. they have had relevant full time experience as a lawyer; C. if they have a schedule conflict candidates may do an independent reading to satisfy the requirement.

A. Basis for Waiver Application: Equivalent Course

Students may apply for waiver of this course if they have had an equivalent course in another college or university with the following critical elements:

1. Legal rights and responsibilities of teachers.

Documentation: must include transcript indicating that the equivalent course has been successfully passed with a B or better and a copy of the course syllabus or other documentation of field experiences.

B. Basis for Waiver Application: Relevant Work Experience

Students who have had at least one semester of full time, paid work as a lawyer may also apply for a waiver if they can document that employment and provide evidence that employment has contributed to an introductory level of competence in the legal rights and responsibilities of teachers.

C. Basis for Waiver Application: Independent Reading

Students may do an independent reading

Limitation: The experience used for applying to waive Education 615J may not be used to waive any other component of the program.

Waiving a course meets the requirement of the course but does not render credit for the course. Students in the Master's program will need to substitute an elective for any of the course they have waived if waiving the course will bring them below the number of course credits required for the master's degree.

Submit two copies of application for waiver, documentation, and self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Director of Student Teaching, Marge Magouirk Colbert, 108 Furcolo.

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