

FAQ'S Regarding Clinics and Evening Students

Are clinics available to evening students?

Yes. The Clinic lottery system does not distinguish between day and evening students and some clinic give priority to evening students for some slots. Evening students can, do, and should take clinics.

Are there clinics that can accommodate the typical schedules of evening students?

Yes. The following clinics are particularly appropriate for evening students: Community Development Clinic, Immigrant Justice Clinic, Innocence Project Clinic, Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic, Mediation Clinic for Families and the Veterans Advocacy Clinic.

How can I possibly take a Clinic given that I am only on campus in the evenings?

The Clinics listed in response to the previous question have classroom components scheduled in the twilight or in the evening. Other clinic meetings, such as supervision sessions, will be scheduled to accommodate evening students' availability. These clinics either do not involve court appearances or only a limited number of court appearances that are scheduled well in advance.

How should an evening student decide which Clinic to take?

There are a number of variables that should be considered when evening students choose a clinic. These include credit hours available to a student; the specific scheduling of the classroom component of individual clinics; whether a student has taken a prerequisite or has the ability to take a co-requisite; the flexibility of students' work schedules and personal commitments. A much less important factor is the substantive area of a particular clinic. All clinics offer invaluable experience in practicing law which is transferable to whatever practice area students ultimately choose.

What should an evening student do before applying for a Clinic?

All clinics entail a substantial time commitment. Particularly given the many responsibilities evening students typically must fulfill apart from a clinic, students should contact individual faculty members about the scheduling and work expectations of an individual clinic. Evening students also might wish to contact other evening students who have taken a clinic. In addition, the Clinic holds an Information Fair twice a semester, one of which is always scheduled in late afternoon before evening classes. The Info Fair offers an excellent opportunity to learn about individual clinics and the Clinical Program generally.

To whom should I speak if I have questions?

Students should feel free to contact Laura Garcia, Clinic Administrator or Professor Jaime Alison Lee, Associate Dean for Clinical Education. Ms. Garcia may be reached at lgarcia@ubalt.edu or 410-837-5659, and Professor Lee at jlee@ubalt.edu or 410-837-5390.