



School of Law
Office of the Registrar

University of San Francisco School of Law

Fall 2026 & Spring 2027 Graduates Only

APPLICATION FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY CERTIFICATE

Priority Deadline: Monday, September 14, 2026 (December grads must submit by this date)

For Spring/Summer grads, submission by the priority deadline allows for a certificate-eligibility audit prior to registration for spring.

Last Day to Submit Applications: Monday, February 1, 2027.

I expect to graduate and am applying to receive the Trial Advocacy Certificate. I have read and understand the Program requirements found on the law school's website at: [Trial Advocacy Certificate Information Page](#) and further understand and acknowledge that award of the Certificate is conditional upon meeting those requirements.

Name:

USF ID:

Signature:

Date:

COURSES & PROCEDURE:

COURSES: To earn a Trial Advocacy Certificate, a student must complete:

- 1) at least 9 units of approved course work in the subject area. The coursework must include at least **two** of the core courses, one from each Core section. Any remaining units (to reach the minimum 9 units) must be completed by taking additional core courses and/or courses from the approved trial advocacy elective courses.
- 2) a practicum requirement related to trial advocacy.

All course work for the certificate must be taken for a letter grade except for any approved elective course in which credit/no credit grading is mandatory. For any course in which a letter grade is not provided, a "credit" must be achieved in order for the course to be applied to meet the certificate requirements. Students must achieve a grade of C+ or higher in each letter-graded course applied to the certificate and achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.70 or higher for all courses applied to the certificate. A student achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher for all courses applied to meet the requirements of the certificate is awarded the certificate with honors.

Procedure: Indicate the letter grade and units received in the courses (below) that you wish to apply to the Certificate. Indicate "in progress" by marking "IP" for courses being taken during the current semester. **(If you indicate more than the required units of coursework, the Registrar's Office will choose courses with the highest grades to count toward the certificate.)**

Note: the curriculum is subject to change and not all courses are offered every year.

Core 1 Courses (must choose one):

Term	Grade	Units	Reg	Course	Term	Grade	Units	Reg	Course
				Intensive Advocacy Program					Trial Practice

Core 2 Courses (must choose one):

Term	Grade	Units	Reg	Course	Term	Grade	Units	Reg	Course
				Applied Evidence					CA Civil Discovery

Elective Courses:

Term	Grade	Units	Reg	Course	Term	Grade	Units	Reg	Course
				Applied AI Practice					Mediation
				Intellectual Property Litigation Skills					Negotiation

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PRACTICUM REQUIREMENT

To earn a Trial Advocacy Certificate, a student must participate in an experiential learning activity that implements advocacy skills. Students may fulfill this practicum requirement in one of the following ways: (1) complete a 3-unit (minimum) externship focused on civil or criminal trial advocacy; (2) complete 141 hours of paid work focused on civil or criminal trial advocacy; (3) compete on a mock trial team; or (4) participate in the Racial Justice Clinic with permission of the Director.

Practicum Requirement: Please fill out the grade, year, semester and units for the component you completed										
Term	Grade	Units	Reg	Course		Term	Grade	Units	Reg	Course
				Externship						Racial Justice Clinic
				Criminal Mock Trial Competition						National Sports Law Negotiation Competition
				National Criminal Procedure Tournament						SF Trial Lawyers Association Mock Trial Competition
				National Moot Court Competition (NMCC)		n/a	n/a	n/a		Paid Position (<i>see below</i>)
If completing the practicum requirement with a minimum of 141 hours of supervised legal work through a paid position, please complete the information below.										
Organization:								Dates:		
Address:								Total # Hours:		
Supervisor:						Title:				
Email:						Phone:				
Types of Assignments:										

TO APPLY FOR THE CERTIFICATE, YOU MUST:

- Submit this completed application to the Law Registrar's Office by your second to last semester.

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First Audit Date: _____	Practicum Verified: _____
Grades Verified: _____	Final Audit Date: _____
Units: _____ On Track: _____	GPA: _____ Units: _____
Date Notified: _____	Receiving Cert: _____ Honors: _____