

Notice of VLGS Amendment to the Academic Regulations

Effective:	Wednesday, November 6, 2024
Students Effected:	Effective immediately upon approval by faculty.
Amendment Type:	Experiential Academic Regulations
Academic Regulation:	II.B.3, III.A.10, and II.C.3

Amendment Description:

- address the issue of students withdrawing from Clinics or Externships *after* they have already accepted a spot in one of the programs.
- reflect 10/17/24 Curriculum Committee approvals by updating the credit range for externship courses as well as the approved Pass-Honors/Pass/Low-Pass/Fail course list.

NEW LANGUAGE

Amend academic regulation section II.B.3 with the changes in red below.

- ~~(h)~~ (h) Acceptance of an invitation to be a member of the Vermont Law Review or the Vermont Journal of Environmental Law is a commitment to serve until graduation. A student may not withdraw from the Vermont Law Review or the Vermont Journal of Environmental Law during any semester. A student who chooses not to enroll in any semester will receive a “Wd” on his or her transcript for that semester.
- ~~(i)~~ (i) A student may not withdraw from an externship or clinical offering.
- (j) Acceptance of an invitation to participate in any VLGS Clinic is a commitment to enroll. No student may drop ~~or add the South Royalton Legal Clinic, the Environmental Advocacy Clinic, the Environmental Justice Clinic, the Energy Clinic, the Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic, the Transnational Environmental Law Clinic, or the Food and Agriculture Clinic after the first day of classes. However, if the program~~ Clinic after acceptance except by permission of ~~is determined by the Clinic Director the Clinic Director to be under enrolled, a student may add the course, with the Director’s permission, within the first calendar week of classes.~~
- (k) ~~No student may drop or add the Legislative Clinic after the last day of classes of the fall semester.~~ Acceptance of a placement at a specific externship site is a commitment to that site and to enroll in the externship course. A student may not withdraw their acceptance from one externship placement, to accept a different offer. A student who withdraws their acceptance from an externship placement will not be permitted to enroll in the externship program.

Amend academic regulation section III.A.10 with the changes in red below.

K. Externships: OHJD students must enroll for at least three credits when taking a semester long externship course.

Amend academic regulation section II.C.3 by adding the following courses.

Advanced Externship for J.D. Students
Simulation I: Transactional Law & ADR
Simulation II: Litigation

Proposed adopted date: immediately upon approval by faculty
Proposed effective date: spring semester 2025