

Changes to the Public Service Requirement for Class of 2021 and Class of 2022

In Summer 2020, the law school faculty made the decision to suspend the Public Service Requirement in recognition of the extenuating circumstances presented by the pandemic and the hardship it presents to students during this time.

Suspension of the Public Service Requirement due to COVID-19: The suspension of the graduation public service requirement applies to the classes of 2021 and 2022, including the incoming Executive JD students who will graduate in 2022. The suspension does not apply to the incoming class of 2023.

Transcript notation: The transcripts for the students in the classes of 2021 and 2022 will be noted with the following statement: "30 Hour Public Service Requirement Suspended." However, if students submit verification of 30 hours of public service, their transcript will note the completion of the graduation public service requirement.

Public service hours already completed: If students in the classes of 2021 or 2022 have already completed public service hours, and they wished to use these hours towards pro bono distinction, a request must have been submitted by September 4, 2020. These hours must meet the requirement outlined in Rule 7-7 in the Student Handbook.

Students who continue to perform public service: If students would like to voluntarily continue to perform public service and submit those hours towards the graduation public service requirement, they may do so. If the student reaches 30 hours, the completion will be noted on their transcript. Hours that have been applied to Pro Bono Distinction may not count as public service hours.

If you have questions regarding these changes, please contact Michele Fukawa at fukawa@gonzaga.edu or Vicky Daniels at danielsv@gonzaga.edu.