Indian Law Certificate Program
Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University

Requirements and Application

The Indian Law Certificate Program is designed for students who plan to practice Indian law, particularly for those students who may be representing tribal communities directly after graduation. This upper-division law program can be completed within the final two years of the J.D. program. Applicants must be enrolled at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University and in good standing. Transfer applicants may be admitted into the Program if they otherwise meet the standards of the College of Law.

Indian Law Certificate Requirements
This form illustrates all the requirements for the Indian Law Certificate. The Certificate requires a minimum of 21 hours of substantive work in Indian law and related fields. Please use the form to record all completed classes and certify participation in the Certificate Program. Submit a copy of this form to the Indian Legal Program Office **by the 10th of April or the 10th of November**, before anticipated graduation date.

(A) Substantive Courses
The only classes that will count towards the Indian Law Certificate are the classes listed below. All other classes must receive prior approval by the Executive Director of the Indian Legal Program.

Mandatory Courses: Federal Indian Law I and Federal Indian Law II (6 units).

Advanced Indian Law: Participants must complete two substantive Indian Law electives, including but not limited to Cultural Resources, Indian Gaming, Tribal Law and Government, Economic Development in Indian Country, International Indigenous Rights, Indian Taxation, American Indian Health Policy or a directed independent study on an approved topic in Indian law.

Electives in Law: Participants must complete **four courses** in the college of law curriculum that have been approved by the Executive Director as related to Indian Law issues. Approved courses include Critical Race Theory, Civil Rights Legislation, Environmental Law, Natural Resources Law, Water Law, Timber and Range, Administrative Law, Employment Law, International Law, Federal Courts, Business Associations I and II, Conflict of Laws, Commercial Law, Creditor/Debtor, Constitutional Law II, Arizona Constitutional Law, Advanced Legal Writing, Intensive Legal Writing and Corporate Taxation. Approved seminars include International Human Rights, Governmental Protections, Environmental Justice, and Current Topics in Arizona Water Law.

Non-Law Electives: Students may apply up to 3 units of non-law graduate work (such as Anthropology, Political Science, or Justice Studies) toward the courses that satisfy the Electives in Law category if the Executive Director finds that such a course is appropriate to the student's course of study and that no comparable class is offered at the law school. Pre-approval of the Executive Director is required for all non-law courses.

Grades: Students must receive a 75 or above, C or above, or a "pass" in each class that they list on the

Indian Law Certificate application.

(B) Practice Experience in Indian law & Advanced Writing

1. **Practice Experience** - During law school each student must successfully complete the Indian Legal Clinic. If a student is unable to enroll in the Clinic they may obtain practice experience in Indian law through an approved ILP clerkship or externship with prior approval from the Executive Director.

2. **Advanced Writing** – During law school each student must successfully complete an Advanced Writing class with a skills development component. Students can waive out of the Advanced Legal Research and Writing requirement if the student was selected to participate on an ASU law journal and successfully completed the journal credits. If a student waives out of the seminar for journal, the writing requirement must be replaced by an Advanced Indian Law course.

(C) Senior Thesis Requirement

Each student must complete a substantial paper written on an Indian law topic in connection with a law school course, seminar, or directed independent study. The paper must be at least 25 pages in length, double-spaced and must go through faculty review of at least one draft and rewrite. A paper that is used to satisfy the College of Law substantial paper requirement or a law review requirement may also fulfill this requirement of the Certificate Program. The writing requirement for the Indian Law Certificate must be supervised by a faculty member with expertise in the substantive area of law. A copy of paper must be attached to your application. *It is recommended that Papers must be turned into the supervising professor one semester before your anticipated graduation date in order to be considered for the certificate.*

APPLICATION FOR INDIAN LAW CERTIFICATE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: (Last, First, Middle)	Email Address:
Address for Certificate mailing after graduation: _____ _____	Phone No. Home: _____ Cell: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please provide a brief statement summarizing your background, describing your interest in the Indian Law Certificate and how you plan to use the certificate. (Mandatory. Two paragraph minimum.)

SUBSTANTIVE COURSES

The Certificate Program requires a minimum of 21 hours of substantive work in Indian law and related fields. Complete the following information sheet (please type) and **attach a transcript.**

Course	Course Name and Number	Units	Date Completed
1. Mandatory Courses:	Federal Indian Law I Federal Indian Law II Advanced Writing Indian Legal Clinic	3 3 3 6	
2. Advanced Indian Law			
Advanced Indian Law			
Advanced Indian Law			
3. Electives			
Electives			
Electives			
Electives			
4. Non-Law Elective (if applicable)			

TOTAL UNITS _____

SENIOR THESIS REQUIREMENT: This requirement may fulfilled by completing a Substantial Paper or Law Review. **APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF THE PAPER OR ARTICLE WITH THEIR APPLICATION.**

☐ Substantial Paper
- ☐ Law school course. Course name: _____ Course No: _____
- ☐ Seminar Seminar name: _____ Course No: _____
- ☐ Independent Study Course No: _____

Date completed:_____

ILP Faculty review completed by: _____ Date: _____

or

☐ Law Review

Title: _____ Date submitted: _____