

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

The application 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 your 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 Faculty Director of the Indian Legal Program.

Mandatory Courses: Federal Indian Law I, Federal Indian Law II, Indian Legal Clinic (12 units).

Advanced Indian Law: Participants must complete **two substantive Indian Law electives**, including but not limited to the classes below.

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| Cultural Resources | Indian Law and Taxation |
| Indian Gaming | Federal Advocacy for the Tribal Client |
| Tribal Law and Government | International Indigenous Rights |
| Economic Development in Indian Country | Independent Study on approved topic |
| Contemporary Issues in Tribal Economic Development | Tribal Energy |

Electives in Law: Participants must complete **remaining credits** from courses in the college of law curriculum that have been approved by the Faculty Director as related to Indian Law issues. Approved courses and seminars are listed below.

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| Critical Race Theory | Administrative Law | Employment Law |
| Civil Rights Legislation | Public International Law | Commercial Law |
| Environmental Law | Federal Courts | Debtor/Creditor & Bankruptcy |
| Natural Resources Law | Business Organizations | Constitutional Law II |
| Water Law | Conflict of Laws | Arizona Constitutional Law |
| Advanced Legal Writing | Corporate Taxation | S:Current Topics in Arizona Water Law |
| S:International Human Rights | S: Environmental Justice | Writing for Law Practice |
| Indian Legal Research | | |

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 Faculty 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 Faculty Director is required for all non-law courses.

Grades: Students must receive a "75" or above, "C" (2.00) or above, or a "pass" in each class that they list on the Indian Law Certificate application.

(B) 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.*

Indian Law Certificate Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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| Name: (Last, First, Middle): | Email Address: |
| Address for Certificate mailing after graduation: _____ _____ | Phone Number: 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 |
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| 1. Mandatory Courses: | Federal Indian Law I | 3 | |
| | Federal Indian Law II | 3 | |
| | Indian Legal Clinic | 6 | |

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| 2. Advanced Indian Law | | | |
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| 3. Electives | | | |
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TOTAL UNITS _____

GRADUATION WRITING REQUIREMENT

The Graduation Writing Requirement/Senior Thesis Requirement may be fulfilled by completing a Substantial Paper or Law Review Article. If you write a paper for a class that is not taught by an Indian law faculty member, your paper must be signed off by the course instructor and also reviewed by an Indian law faculty member to approve the Indian law content. **APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF THE PAPER OR ARTICLE WITH THEIR APPLICATION.**

| | Course Name and Number | Date Completed |
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| Senior Thesis | | |
| Supervising Faculty Member(s) | | |