The Juris Doctor (JD) degree at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University is a three-year program that incorporates practical learning and experiences. Each year, far more qualified candidates submit applications than the college's facilities and programs can accommodate. Thus, the admission process is very competitive. To be considered, applicants must have taken the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and have earned, or will earn by the time of matriculation to the law school, a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year institution. Each candidate must complete the application for admission and provide all mandatory documents and information. Transcripts and letters of recommendation (optional) must be submitted through LSAC's Credential Assembly Service.

The applicant's undergraduate record and LSAT score are important predictors of first-year performance and will weigh heavily in the admission decision. Among the other factors considered by the Admissions Committee are the rigor of the undergraduate course of study, graduate study, demonstrated commitment to public service, work experience, leadership experience, extracurricular or community activities, history of overcoming economic or other disadvantage, personal experiences with discrimination, overcoming disability, diversity of geography, experience or background, maturity, ability to communicate, foreign language proficiency, honors and awards, military service, publications, and exceptional personal talents.

**Application Deadlines**

ASU Law enrolls one first-year JD class each year. There are several ways for first-year JDS to apply to law school, and each option has its own attributes and set of requirements.

- Early Admission (Non-Binding): **November 15, 2018**
- Regular Admission: **March 1, 2019**
- Late Admission: **August 10, 2019**
- Binding Program Options: **March 1, 2019**
  - O'Connor Honors Program
  - O'Connor Merit Scholars Program
  - Indian Law Leadership Program
- ASU Achievement Program (for select ASU students): **March 1, 2019**

**LSAC Application**

To apply, please visit the LSAC website at [lsac.org](http://lsac.org) or apply online at law.asu.edu/JDApply.

The application fee is waived.

**Personal Statement**

One of the goals of the Admissions Committee when making decisions is to admit a diverse student body that will contribute to a dynamic, interesting learning environment. Academic background and strength of performance, though important, are not the only criteria evaluated in the application process. For this reason, a personal statement, written by you, is required as part of the application. In this statement we seek information about you. Statements about law in general or law and society will not be useful. The statement should illustrate the life experiences and talents that make you unique. You are invited to write about significant obstacles that you have overcome and events in your life that influence your perspective. Personal statements are limited to two double-spaced, typed pages with font size no smaller than 11 point.

**Resume**

Applicants are required to submit a descriptive resume of no more than two typed pages with font size no smaller than 11 point. Please include details about your educational background, honor societies, scholarships, work history, military service, extracurricular activities, public/community service, honors and awards, publications, foreign language proficiencies, and any other significant achievements and involvements. As to work history, include a complete and chronological list of positions (including organization name, phone number, dates of employment, and hours worked).
ASU Law by the numbers

- No. 27 nationally, No. 8 among public law schools, No. 1 in Arizona (2019 U.S. News & World Report)
- No. 25 globally (Academic Ranking of World Universities)
- 5 programs ranked in the top 26 (2019 U.S. News & World Report)
- No. 19 nationally for employment (American Bar Association)
- No. 10 for career services (GraduatePrograms.com)
- No. 16 best value (National Jurist, 2015)
- No. 14 for financial aid (GraduatePrograms.com, 2015)
- 300 combined years of faculty practice experience
- 250 unique courses offered each year
- 50 student organizations, of which 15 are student pro-bono groups
- 90% student participation in public service; 100,000 hours donated each year
- 7,000+ alumni in all 50 states

2018 Entering Class

- 291 students in first-year JD courses
- LSAT: 75th percentile (164); 50th percentile (163); 25th percentile (158)
- GPA: 75th percentile (3.9); 50th percentile (3.76); 25th percentile (3.36)
- $27,584 resident tuition
- $45,940 non-resident tuition
- 100% received scholarships
- 57% nonresident
- 40+ states
- 140+ institutions
- 60+ majors
- 20% diversity
- 48% female
- 5 military branches represented
- 45 mid-level JDs (from 31 schools)

Degree Programs

- JD, Juris Doctor
- JD with Advanced Standing
- JD Transfer Applicant
- JD Visiting Applicant

You can pursue a JD concurrently with other degrees from ASU like an MBA, Master in Social Work (MSW), or a PhD in Justice Studies. JD students have a unique opportunity to pursue certificates.

Focus Areas

Students can take advantage of popular focus areas, regardless of the degree they are pursuing, to fit their interests and career goals. Here is a sampling:

- Corporate/Business Law
- Criminal Law
- Health Law
- Indian Law
- International Law
- International Rule of Law and Security
- Law and Sustainability
- Patent Practice
- Science and Technology Law
- Sports Law and Business
- Trial Advocacy

Externships

200+ externship placements available each year throughout the U.S. with key hubs in:
- Phoenix, AZ  |  Los Angeles, CA  |  Washington, D.C.

Clinical Opportunities

Civil Litigation  |  Lisa Foundation Patent Law
First Amendment  |  Lodestar Mediation
Immigration Law and Policy  |  Post-Conviction
Indian Legal  |  Prosecution
Innovation Advancement Program  |  Public Defender