

# Trial Advocacy Certificate Details

## Overview

The Trial Advocacy certificate, which is available only to students currently enrolled in the Juris Doctor (JD) degree program, will provide students interested in pursuing a career in criminal prosecution, criminal defense or civil litigation with a prescribed course of study to help prepare them for practice. In addition, it will serve as a credential representing to future employers and clients that a JD student has a demonstrated interest in trial advocacy and a solid foundation in the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in the field. To earn the certificate, a student must take classes in courtroom practice and procedure as well as alternative dispute resolution, participate in experiential learning either through simulation-based instruction in litigation and courtroom advocacy or by representing clients in a clinical setting, and gain additional practical experience through pro bono service, participation in a moot court competition or enrollment in a Rule 38 externship.

## Requirements

To receive the Trial Advocacy certificate, students must complete at least 15 credit hours in the course categories outlined below.

### Group One – Core courses (Required)

Course	Credit Hours
Civil Procedure II <b>OR</b> Criminal Procedure	3
Evidence	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

### Group Two – Dispute Resolution

Minimum credits required: 2

Course	Credit hours
Alternative Dispute Resolution	2
ADR & Employment	2
Arbitration	2
Negotiation	3
Lodestar Mediation Clinic	5

### Group Three – Litigation Requirement

Minimum credits required: 3

Course	Credit Hours
Trial Advocacy	3
Litigation Experience	4
Civil Litigation Clinic	6
Immigration Clinic	6
Indian Legal Clinic	6
Prosecution Clinic	6
Public Defender Clinic	6

### Group Four – Electives

Minimum credits required: 4

Course	Credit Hours
Access to Justice Through Technology	2
Advanced Bankruptcy Seminar	2
Advanced Criminal Procedure	2 – 3
Adv Legal Writing – Litigation Practice	3
Advanced Torts	2
Appellate Advocacy	3
Attorneys' Fees, Costs, Sanctions	1
Arizona Criminal Law	1 - 2
Chapter 11 Bankruptcy	3
Civil Pretrial Practice	2
Claims Against Government Entities	1
Class Actions	1-2
Comparative Dispute Resolution	3
Conflicts of Law	2
Construction Law	2
Creditor Remedies	1
Criminal Evidence	3
Criminal Sentencing Seminar	2
Courtroom Ethics	1

Death Penalty	3
Debtor/Creditor & Bankruptcy Law	3
Disability Law	2
Electronic Discovery & Digital Evidence	2
Federal Courts	3
Federal Advocacy for the Tribal Client	2
Federal Criminal Practice & Procedure	3
Health Care Fraud Investigations-Litigation	1
Law and Psychology	2
Individual Rights in Constitutional Law	3
Insurance Bad Faith Litigation	1
Insurance Law	3
International Criminal Justice	3
Judicial Remedies	3
Jury Selection	1
Law, Accounting, and Finance	2
Law, Litigation & Science	3
Litigation & Courtroom Technology	1
Malpractice Litigation	1-2
Mass Tort Litigation	2
Medical Error: The Next Generation of Law	2
Medical Malpractice Litigation	1
Mindfulness and the Law	2
Patent Litigation	2
Persuasive Speech	1
Practical Insurance: Handling a Claim	1
Privacy, Big Data, and Emerging Technologies	2
Products Liability	2
Prosecuting Trademark Applications	1
Prosecutorial Ethics & Decision Making	2
Real Estate Foreclosure	1
Real Estate Litigation	1
The State Attorneys General	2
Topics in Bankruptcy Law	3
Working with Accounting Experts	2
Working with Expert Witnesses	1-2
Writing for Law Practice	3
Victims in Criminal Procedure	2
White Collar Crime	2

## Other Requirements

Students must gain practical experience in client representation by completing one of the following prior to being awarded the certificate:

- Completion of a Rule 38 Externship
- Pro Bono Service – minimum of 50 hours working with an approved legal services organization
- Representation of the College of Law in a Regional, National, or International Moot Court Competition

Students must provide documentation of having completed this requirement in order to be eligible to receive the certificate.

The courses satisfying group requirements are reviewed regularly; however, if a student feels a course that does not appear on the group list should fulfill a group requirement, the student can petition for that credit by contacting Professor Bob Dauber at [Bob.Dauber@asu.edu](mailto:Bob.Dauber@asu.edu) and Michele Feeney at [asutrialadvocacy@gmail.com](mailto:asutrialadvocacy@gmail.com).

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