ASU Law's JD degree a three-year, full time program that incorporates practical learning and experiences with a comprehensive curriculum that includes 250+ unique courses. The JD degree program offers 11 specialized focus areas, for you to pursue your interests.

**Program Description**

**Degree Awarded: JD Juris Doctor of Law**

The JD program at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (ASU Law) offers a large selection of courses with options for transdisciplinary study with other departments on campus. Students will find the opportunity to take classes with a more traditional, theoretical focus and to take advantage of many options that focus on the development of practice skills. ASU Law offers a variety of focus areas, including:

- business law
- criminal law
- health law
- Indian law
- International law
- law and sustainability
- patent practice
- International rule of law and security
- science and technology law
- sports law and business
- trial advocacy

ASU Law first-year Juris Doctor students take courses in civil procedure, contracts, torts, legal method and writing, property, constitutional law I, criminal law, legal advocacy and professional responsibility. After the first year, doctoral students are only required to take criminal procedure or constitutional law II; all other courses are electives. Several focused programs ([https://law.asu.edu/degree-programs](https://law.asu.edu/degree-programs)), study abroad options ([https://law.asu.edu/experiences/abroad](https://law.asu.edu/experiences/abroad)) and more, can enhance students' experiences.
Students can pursue a Juris Doctor concurrently with other degrees from ASU like a MBA, MSW, MSLB or a PhD in justice studies. Mayo Clinic School of Medicine students also have an opportunity to pursue a dual JD/MD degree: [https://mayo.asu.edu/dualdegrees](https://mayo.asu.edu/dualdegrees).

Doctoral students must complete a total of 88 credit hours and a written substantial paper in order to meet graduation requirements. A full list of graduation requirements can be found here: [https://law.asu.edu/abadisclosures](https://law.asu.edu/abadisclosures). Frequently asked questions can be found here: [https://law.asu.edu/about/faqs](https://law.asu.edu/about/faqs).

A flexible schedule program is offered for students who wish to attend law school but can not eliminate all the other obligations in their lives to allow for full-time enrollment: [https://law.asu.edu/degree-programs/jd/jd-flexible-schedule](https://law.asu.edu/degree-programs/jd/jd-flexible-schedule).

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**At a Glance**

- **College/School:** Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus

**Concurrent Program Options**

This degree is also offered as concurrent degree program with:

- Justice Studies, PhD [Compare Programs](#)
- Psychology, PhD [Compare Programs](#)
- Social Work - Standard Program, MSW [Compare Programs](#)
- W. P. Carey MBA - Full-Time Program [Compare Programs](#)

**Degree Requirements**

**Required Core (30 credit hours)**

- LAW 515 Contracts (4)
- LAW 516 Criminal Law (3)
- LAW 517 Torts (4)
- LAW 518 Civil Procedure (4)
- LAW 519 Legal Method and Writing (3)
- LAW 522 Constitutional Law (3)
- LAW 523 Property (4)
LAW 524 Legal Advocacy (2)
LAW 638 Professional Responsibility (3)

Electives (58 credit hours)

Additional Curriculum Information
A minimum of 64 units must be obtained from courses that involve attendance at regularly scheduled class sessions. The following do not count toward these required 64 units: all externships; independent studies; courses taken outside the law school under section IX A; credits received for working for a journal under section X F; credits received for Moot Court under section X G; credits received for being a teaching assistant; credits received from any clinic other than Civil Justice Clinic, Immigration Law and Policy Clinic, Indian Legal Clinic, Innovation Advancement Legal Clinic, Mediation Clinic, Post-Conviction Clinic; and credit from courses without regularly scheduled meetings.

Students should see the College of Law's Statement of Student Policies for additional Juris Doctor degree requirements.

Admission Requirements

Applicants with degrees from foreign institutions must meet the Graduate College and College of Law English proficiency requirements.

The Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University enrolls only one first-year Juris Doctor class per year, and it enters in the fall semester. The Juris Doctor degree is a three-year program, and almost all students study on a full-time basis. The college does offer a flexible scheduling option for students with circumstances that make full-time enrollment impossible. Each year, far more applications are submitted to the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law than the college's facilities and programs can accommodate. Thus, admission is competitive. The Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law makes its admission decisions based upon all information contained in the applicant's file.

To be considered for admission to the program, an applicant must have taken the LSAT and have earned, or expect to have earned by the time of enrollment in law school, a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university. Further, a candidate must complete the application for admission and submit all mandatory attachments. Transcripts and letters of recommendation or evaluations must be submitted through the Law School Admissions Council's Credential Assembly Service and will be provided to the College of Law by LSAC with the applicant's LSAT record. Applicants must apply electronically through https://www.lsac.org.

The Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law provides full file review to 100% of the completed applications to the Juris Doctor program. While the applicant's undergraduate record and LSAT score are important
predictors, no decision is made on objective criteria alone. Among the other factors considered by the admission committee are:

- ability to communicate
- demonstrated commitment to public service
- diversity of experience and background
- exceptional personal talents
- extracurricular or community activities
- foreign language proficiency
- geographic diversity
- graduate study
- history of overcoming economic or other disadvantage
- honors and awards
- leadership experience
- maturity
- overcoming disability
- personal experiences with discrimination
- publications
- service in the Armed Forces
- the rigor of the undergraduate course of study
- work experience

Students should see the program website for application deadlines.

For an application to be considered complete, it must include the following:

1. a complete Credential Assembly Service report, with all transcripts and letters of recommendation or evaluations
2. the completed application, including explanations for affirmative answers to conduct, character and fitness questions
3. LSAT scores from Law School Admissions Council
4. a personal statement that does not exceed two double-spaced, typed pages
5. the required application fee
6. a resume that does not exceed three typed pages

The Credential Assembly Service report must be from the current application year.

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**
Study abroad is possible for graduate students with more than 50 program opportunities spanning six continents. Faculty-directed programs tend to be the best fit for graduate students; taking courses over the summer or during academic breaks with ASU professors offers close mentorship and professional network growth in many fields of study while earning ASU credit. Exchange program participation is also possible with careful planning. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/students/graduate-students

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Admission Deadlines