Indian Law (Graduate Certificate)

Situated in the heart of the Southwest, with connections to Arizona's 22 tribes and to tribes across the nation, the Indian Legal Program is in the perfect location for students looking to study the developing field of Indian law. Our nationally recognized faculty members are leading scholars in their fields, producing research and publications as well as providing outreach and public service.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Indian Law (certificate)

Established more than 30 years ago, the Indian Legal Program at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University has grown to become one of the most respected Indian law programs in the nation.

The Indian law certificate program is designed for JD students with an interest in Indian law. Students are required to take classes that are relevant to the practice of Indian law, write a substantial paper on an Indian law topic, and complete practical work experience in the award-winning Indian Legal Clinic. The Indian law certificate indicates a higher level of understanding in the subject matter.

At a Glance

- College/School: Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

Degree Requirements

The certificate program requires a minimum of 21 credit hours of substantive work in Indian law and related fields. The following courses are required:
LAW 632 Federal Indian Law I  
LAW 704 Federal Indian Law II  
LAW 776 Indian Legal Clinic  
two advanced Indian law courses approved by the faculty director of the Indian Legal Program

The remaining credit hours are comprised of elective courses approved by the faculty director. Students must complete a substantial paper on an Indian law topic approved by the faculty director. Students must receive a grade of "C" (scale is 4.00 = "A") or above or a "Pass" in each course used to fulfill the Indian law certificate requirements.

More specific requirements for completion of the Indian law certificate can be found on the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law website.

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

International students who need an F1 or J1 visa first need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the USA on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission to be considered for admission to this certificate program.

Students wishing to pursue the Indian law certificate must be enrolled in the Juris Doctor degree program at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law and must be in good standing. Specific requirements for the Indian law certificate program can be found at the college's website.

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

**Career Opportunities**

Graduates stand out to employers, especially if seeking a job in representing state, federal or tribal governments or representing companies that do business with tribes.

Working for tribes, in public service, private practice and nonprofit organizations, Indian Legal Program alumni are making a difference in Indian Country.

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