Indian Law (Graduate Certificate)

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Situated in the heart of the Southwest, the Indian Legal Program engages with Arizona's 22 tribes and tribes across the nation to expand the understanding of the developing field of Indian law. The program's nationally recognized faculty are leading scholars that provide outreach and public service to tribal nations.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Indian Law (certificate)
The Indian law graduate certificate within ASU's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law provides ASU Law students with the legal expertise to practice Indian law, with real-world experiences with tribal organizations, and with opportunities for scholarship and externships. The certificate recognizes law students who possess extensive legal knowledge in tribal law and federal Indian law.

Established more than 30 years ago, the Indian Legal Program is one of the most respected Indian law programs in the nation.

At a Glance

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

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.

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 ASU Law website.

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

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.

Tuition Information

When it comes to paying for college, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.

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 Law Program alumni are making a difference in Indian Country.

Contact Information