Law, Science, and Technology (Graduate Certificate)

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Law, Science, & Technology (certificate)

The law, science, and technology certificate program is for students with science and technology interests and is limited to students in good standing pursuing a JD degree at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

At ASU, the law, science and technology program is home to intellectual property, life sciences and biotechnology, and governance of emerging technologies focus areas, as well as the newest addition: data, privacy and security. In each area, the program offers a specialized graduate certificate with robust coursework, student cohorts with attorney and faculty mentorship, and presentation and publication opportunities. In addition, the program collaborates with five ASU Law student organizations, programs in health law, international law and sustainability law, and other ASU partners to create an interdisciplinary understanding of the issues driven by science and technology that span all areas of law, policy and practice.

Students may choose to earn a general certificate or focus in one or more of the following areas:

- data, privacy and security
- intellectual property
- life sciences

At a Glance

- College/School: Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
- Location: Downtown Phoenix campus or Online
Degree Requirements

Students must satisfy their graduation writing requirement on a topic related to law, science and technology. The paper must meet all of the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law requirements for a graduation writing requirement and must be supervised by a center fellow.

A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") is required for those courses that satisfy the substantive coursework requirements of the certificate. Courses used to satisfy the core or focus area requirements may not be taken for pass or fail credit. A student may take one elective course on a pass or fail basis.

Substantive coursework is required in law, science and technology subjects for a minimum of seven courses, earning at least 16 credit hours, at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Two courses are chosen from the designated core courses and five courses are chosen from a list of elective courses.

Each student is encouraged to actively participate in the events (lectures, conferences, symposia) sponsored by the Center for Law, Science and Innovation and to participate in at least one approved activity for two semesters.

Additional details of the program requirements for the law, science and technology certificate can be found in the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law Statement of Student Policies.

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 law, science and technology certificate must be enrolled in the JD program at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law and be in good standing.

Specific requirements for admission to the law, science and technology certificate program can be found on the college website.

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

Career Opportunities
The certificate in law, science and technology is designed for those interested in becoming an attorney and practicing law with an emphasis in law, science and technology. Careers include practicing attorneys in intellectual property, life sciences, data, privacy and security legal sectors.

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