

**Indian Law Certificate Program**  
**Arizona State University College of Law**  
**Application For Admission**

The Indian Law Certificate Program is designed for students who plan to practice Indian law, particularly for those students who may be representing tribal communities directly after graduation. This is an upper-division law program, can be completed within the final two years of the J.D. program. Applicants must be enrolled at the Arizona State University College of Law and in good standing. Transfer applicants may be admitted into the Program if they otherwise meet the standards of the College of Law.

**Indian Law Certificate Requirements**

This form illustrates all the requirements for the Indian Law Certificate. The Certificate requires a minimum of 21 hours of substantive work in Indian law and related fields. Please use the form to record all completed classes and certify participation in the Certificate Program. Submit a typed copy of this form to the Indian Legal Program Office **by the 10<sup>th</sup> of April or the 10<sup>th</sup> of November**, before anticipated graduation date.

- A. Substantive Courses** The only classes that will count towards the Indian Law Certificate are the classes listed below. All other classes must receive prior approval by the Executive Director of the Indian Legal Program.
1. Mandatory Course: Federal Indian Law (3 units).
  2. Advanced Indian law: Participants must complete at least 5 units from courses approved by the Executive Director as ones that primarily address core Indian law issues. Examples include Indian Cultural Property, Tribal Environmental Policy, Tribal Common Law, Litigating Indian Rights, Tribal Courts, International Indigenous Rights or a directed independent study on an approved topic in Indian law.
  3. Electives in Law: Participants must complete the remaining units from courses in the college of law curriculum that have been approved by the Executive Director as related to Indian
  4. Law issues. Approved courses include Environmental Law, Natural Resources Law, Water Law, Timber and Range, Administrative Law, Employment Law, International Law, Federal Courts, Business Associations, Conflict of Laws, Commercial Law, Creditor/Debtor, and Federal Taxation of a Business or Corporation. Approved seminars include International Human Rights, Governmental Protections and Current Topics in Arizona Water Law.
  5. Non-Law Electives: Students may apply up to 3 units of non-law graduate work (such as Anthropology, Political Science, or Justice Studies) toward the 13 hours of law electives if the Executive Director finds that such a course is appropriate to the student's course of study and that no comparable class is offered at the law school. Pre-approval of the Executive Director is required for all non-law courses.

6. Students must receive a 70 or above in all the classes that they list on the Indian Law Certificate application.
7. A copy of your transcript must be attached to your application.

**B. Practice Experience in Indian law**

During law school, each student must obtain practice experience in Indian law (equivalent to 3 credit hours of externship or 180 hours), which might be satisfied by work in a Yates clerkship, Tribal court clerkship, position in a law firm specializing in Indian law, law school externship in Indian law, or other comparable experience approved by the Executive Director. Proof of employment must be attached to your application.

**C. Senior Thesis Requirement**

Each student must complete a substantial paper written on an Indian law topic in connection with a law school course, seminar, or directed independent study. The paper must be at least 25 pages in length, double-spaced and must go through faculty review of at least one draft and rewrite. A paper that is used to satisfy the College of Law substantial paper requirement or a law review requirement may also fulfill this requirement of the Certificate Program. The writing requirement for the Indian Law Certificate must be supervised by a faculty member with expertise in the substantive area of law. A copy of paper must be attached to your application.

## APPLICATION FOR INDIAN LAW CERTIFICATE

### A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: (Last, First, Middle)	Indicate Current Law School Semester:
E-Mail Address: _____ Mailbox No: _____	Phone No. Home: _____ Work: _____

### B. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please provide a brief statement, if you wish, summarizing your background, describing your interest in the Indian Legal Certificate program and how you plan to use the certificate.

**B. SUBSTANTIVE COURSES**

The Certificate Program requires a minimum of 21 hours of substantive work in Indian law and related fields. Complete the following information sheet (please type) and **attach a transcript.**

Course	Course Name and Number	Units	Date Completed
1. Mandatory Course:	Federal Indian Law	3	
2. Advanced Indian Law			
Advanced Indian Law			
Advanced Indian Law			
3. Electives			
Electives			
Electives			
Electives			
4. Non-Law Elective (if applicable)			

**TOTAL UNITS** \_\_\_\_\_

**C. PRACTICE EXPERIENCE IN INDIAN LAW (equivalent to 3 credit hours of externship or 180 hours). APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT PROOF OF EMPLOYMENT FROM WORK SITE.**

Practice Experience requirement fulfilled by:

☎ Indian law Clinic: Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_ . Course No. \_\_\_\_\_

☎ Yates Clerkship: Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ . Dates:  
\_\_\_\_\_

☎ Tribal court clerkship: Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_ . Dates:  
\_\_\_\_\_

☎ Law firm position: Firm: \_\_\_\_\_ .

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly list duties:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

☎ Indian Law externship: Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ . Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly list duties:

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☎ Other: Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ . Dates:  
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Briefly list duties:

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Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_ . Authorized By: \_\_\_\_\_

**D. SENIOR THESIS REQUIREMENT:** This requirement may fulfilled by completing a Substantial Paper or Law Review. **APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF THE PAPER OR ARTICLE WITH THEIR APPLICATION.**

<p><input type="checkbox"/> Substantial Paper</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Law school course. Course name: _____ Course No: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Seminar Seminar name: _____ Course No: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Independent Study Course No: _____</p> <p>Date completed: _____</p> <p>Faculty review completed by: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Law Review</p> <p>Title: _____ Date submitted: _____</p> <p>_____</p>