Juris Doctor (JD)

The Juris Doctor (JD) degree at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University is a three-year program that incorporates practical learning and experiences. Each year, far more qualified candidates submit applications than the college’s facilities and programs can accommodate. Thus, the admission process is very competitive. To be considered, applicants must have taken the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and have earned, or will earn by the time of matriculation to the law school, a bachelor’s degree from an accredited four-year institution. Each candidate must complete the application for admission and provide all mandatory documents and information. Transcripts and letters of recommendation (optional) must be submitted through LSAC’s Credential Assembly Service.

While the applicant’s undergraduate record and LSAT score are important predictors of first-year performance, no decision will be made on objective criteria alone. Among the other factors considered by the Admissions Committee are the rigor of the undergraduate course of study, graduate study, demonstrated commitment to public service, work experience, leadership experience, extracurricular or community activities, history of overcoming economic or other disadvantage, personal experiences with discrimination, overcoming disability, diversity of geography, experience or background, maturity, ability to communicate, foreign language proficiency, honors and awards, military service, publications, and exceptional personal talents.

Application Deadlines

ASU Law enrolls one first-year JD class each year. There are six ways for first-year JDs to apply to law school, and each option has its own attributes and set of requirements.

» O’Connor Honors Program (Binding – Full Tuition): March 1
» O’Connor Merit Scholars Program (Binding): March 1
» Indian Law Leadership Program (Binding): March 1
» Early Admission (Non-Binding): November 15
» Regular Admission: March 1
» ASU Achievement Program (for select ASU students): March 1

LSAC Application

To apply, please visit the LSAC website at [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org) or apply online at [law.asu.edu/JDApply](http://law.asu.edu/JDApply).

Personal Statement

One of the goals of the Admissions Committee when making decisions is to admit a diverse student body that will contribute to a dynamic, interesting learning environment. Academic background and strength of performance, though important, are not the only criteria evaluated in the application process. For this reason, a personal statement, written by you, is required as part of the application. In this statement we seek information about you. Statements about law in general or law and society will not be useful. The statement should illustrate the life experiences and talents that make you unique. You are invited to write about significant obstacles that you have overcome and events in your life that influence your perspective. Personal statements are limited to two double-spaced, typed pages.

Resume

Applicants are required to submit a descriptive resume of no more than three typed pages. Please include details about your educational background, honor societies, scholarships, work history, military service, extracurricular activities, public/community service, honors and awards, publications, foreign language proficiencies, and any other significant achievements and involvements. As to work history, include a complete and chronological list of positions (including organization name, phone number, dates of employment, and hours worked).
College Profile
Ranked No. 25 nationally, No. 8 among public law schools, and No. 1 in Arizona
250 unique courses offered each year
300 combined years of faculty practice experience
No. 1 in Arizona for bar passage
Only Arizona law school in the past 25 years whose students placed top 3 on the AZ Bar exam (July 2015)
Top 20 nationally and No. 3 among public law schools for job placement
ASU Alumni Law Group, the country’s first teaching law firm
7,000+ alumni living in 16 countries
Tuition and fees: Resident tuition and fees $27,226
Non-resident tuition and fees $43,896

Student Life
40 student organizations (15 student-led pro bono groups)
State-of-the-art building located in downtown Phoenix
Puts students in legal, political, economic heart of Arizona.
Visit law.asu.edu/BCLS for building details.
90% student participation in public service
100,000+ hours of service donated each year
6 national writing awards won in past 6 years
3 Burton Distinguished Legal Writing Awards
3 Scribes Law-Review Awards
Top placing national and international moot court teams

2016 Class
400 new JD and master’s level students
230 first-time juris doctor (JD) candidates
66 Mid-Level JDs (transfers and students with advanced standing)
97 undergraduate universities represented
39 states and 4 countries
LSAT: 75 percentile (163); 50 percentile (161); 25 percentile (158)
GPA: 75 percentile (3.80); 50 percentile (3.64); 25 percentile (3.34)

Degree Programs
JD, Juris Doctor
JD with Advanced Standing
JD Transfer Applicant
JD Visiting Applicant
You can pursue a JD concurrently with other degrees from ASU like an MBA, Master in Social Work (MSW), or a PhD in Justice Studies.

Focus Programs
Through our centers and programs, students can take advantage of popular focus areas, regardless of the degree they are pursuing, to fit their interests and career goals.
• Corporate/Business Law
• Criminal Law
• Health Law
• Indian Law
• International Law
• Law & Sustainability
• Patent Practice
• Rule of Law & Governance
• Science & Technology Law
• Sports Law & Business
• Trial Advocacy
4 ranked programs in the top 25
JD students have a unique opportunity to pursue certificates.

Clinical Opportunities
Healthcare Entrepreneurship
Immigration Law & Policy
Indian Legal
Innovation Advancement Program
Lisa Foundation Patent Law
Lodestar Mediation
Post-Conviction
Prosecution
Public Defender

Externships
300 externship placements available each year
Phoenix, AZ | Los Angeles, CA | Washington, DC