Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Certificate Program

The James E. Rogers College of Law offers its J.D. students a Certificate in Indigenous Peoples and Law Policy through a structure of combined academic and experiential learning. Our goal is to enhance human rights and the self-determination of Native American and Indigenous Peoples domestically and worldwide. Students will receive professional training to effectively advocate for Indigenous rights and policies and will develop a proficiency in federal Indian law, Indigenous human rights, Indigenous community and economic development, and the protection of cultural and natural resources. Professor Robert Hershey serves as Director of the Certificate program.

I. Requirements for Receiving a Certificate at the time of Graduation
   A. Courses
      The student must demonstrate satisfactory completion of the following:
      1. Federal Indian Law (3 units) (Law631A)
      2. International Human Rights (3 units) (Law659) or International Human Rights and Indigenous Peoples (3 units) (Law527)
      3. A minimum of 12 units, other than the above courses, chosen from the following categories:¹

         Courses Relevant to Indigenous Peoples and Government Infrastructure
         • Tribal Courts and Tribal Law (Law631B)
         • Administrative Law (Law621A)
         • Federal Courts (Law642)
         • Jurisdiction in Indian Country (Law631G)
         • Conflicts of Laws (Law623)
         • Fundamentals of Regulation (Law696V)

         Courses Relevant to Indigenous Peoples and Economic Development
         • Native Economic Development (Law525)
         • Business Organizations (Law616)
         • Employment Law (Law611B)
         • Secured Transactions (Law633C)
         • Gaming and Gambling (Law631E)
         • Taxation in Indian Country (Law631C)
         • Foreign Investment in Developing Economies (Law643M)

¹ Courses offered within another department, school, or college at the University of Arizona, whether cross-listed or not, should be pre-approved by the Director to apply toward the Certificate.
Courses Relevant to Indigenous Peoples and Cultural Resources Management and Protection
• Globalization and the Transformation of Culture (Law697B)
• Who Owns Native Culture (Law631F)
• American Indians, Anthropology and the Law (ANTHR)(Law595K)
• Sanctioned Identities: Culture, Power, and Law (ANTHR)(Law595J)
• Cultural Property of Indigenous Peoples (Law656F)
• Intellectual Property Law (Law655R)
• Law, Geography & Property (GEOG)(Law596L)

Courses Relevant to Indigenous Peoples and Natural Resources Management & Protection
• Native American Natural Resources (Law643D)
• Environmental Law (Law669)
• Federal Public Lands and Natural Resources (Law634C)
• Water Law (Law641)
• Law, Geography & Property (GEOG)(Law596L)
• Oil & Gas Law (Law627)
• Public Lands and Mining (Law640)
• Sustainability & Environmental Policy (Law603J)
• Energy Law (Law650C)
• Natural Resources Management in Native Communities (AIS441A)
• Traditional Ecological Knowledge (AIS431A)

Courses Relevant to Indigenous Peoples and Community Relations and Community Services
• Family Law (Law612)
• Estates & Trusts (Law619)

Courses Relevant to Indigenous Peoples and International & Comparative Law
• Comparative Law of Indigenous Peoples (Law656G)
• Comparative Indigenous Governance (JITLaw656B)
• International Intellectual property Law (Law697E)
• International Environmental Law (Law696I)

Courses Relevant to Indigenous Peoples and Theory & Jurisprudence
• Critical Race Practice (Law631H)
January in Tucson (JIT) Courses

- Law, Policy, and Economics of Development in Indian Country/Rebuilding Native Nations: An Introduction (JITLaw631D)
- Native Economic Development (JITLaw525)
- Cultural Property and Indigenous Peoples (JITLaw656F)
- Comparative Indigenous Governance (JITLaw656B)
- Intergovernmental Relations (JITLaw656A)

B. Speaker Attendance Requirement
Students must attend a minimum of ten (10) IPLP-approved speaker events during the course of their J.D. studies. Submit to Professor Hershey a 250-500 word commentary on each presentation. The commentary should identify the speaker, briefly summarize one or more of the main points of the presentation and offer a perspective on the topic.

C. Experiential Learning (ABA Compliance)
In addition to the class requirements of Section A, above, students must complete a total of ten (10) units of experiential coursework from one or a combination of the following courses:

1. Indigenous Peoples Law Clinic
2. Tribal Courts Clinic
3. International Human Rights Advocacy Workshop
4. Will Drafting Clinic
5. Internship/Externship (must obtain prior approval)
6. NNALSA Moot Court Competition

II. Procedure for Enrolling in the Certificate Program and Demonstrating Satisfaction of Certificate Requirements

A. Enrollment
Any student enrolled in the J.D. program may enroll in the Certificate Program. Students should enroll no earlier than their third semester of law school and prior to the beginning of their fifth semester of law school. Enrollment consists of sending an email to Professor Hershey at hershey@law.arizona.edu (1) expressing his/her interest in enrolling in the Certificate Program and (2) listing the semester the student expects to be awarded his/her J.D. degree.

B. Meeting the Director
Students are strongly encouraged to meet with the Director during their first year at the college and no later than after enrolling in the Certificate Program.

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2 Winter session tuition applies. See Instructor/Professor
C. Request for Certificate in Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy
   By November 15th, when the students expect to receive his/her J.D. at the end of the
   fall semester, and by April 1st when he/she expects to receive his/her degree at the
   conclusion of the spring semester, all enrolled students must submit appropriate
   documentation attesting to their anticipated satisfactory completion of the
   requirements for the Certificate.