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 American Indian 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 James Diamond supervises 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 (2 units) (Law527)
   3. A minimum of 12 units, other than the above courses, chosen from the following categories:

   Courses Relevant to Tribal Courts, Indigenous Peoples and Government Infrastructure
   • Tribal Courts and Tribal Law (Law631B)
   • Tribal Jurisdiction for All Lawyers (Law631G)
   • Criminal Law and Restorative Justice in Indian Country (Law 631N)
   • Addressing Domestic Violence (Law572A)
   • Federal Courts (Law642)
   • Fundamentals of Health Care Law, Regulation & Finance (Law 610)
   • Administrative Law (Law621A)

   Courses Relevant to Indigenous Peoples and Economic Development
   • Business Organization (Law616)
   • Employment Law (Law611B)
   • Secured Transactions (Law633C)
   • Law of Gaming & Gambling (Law631E) “Indian Gaming”
   • 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, must be pre-approved by Professor Diamond to apply toward the Certificate.
Courses Relevant to Indigenous Peoples and Cultural Resources

- 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 Land & Natural Resources Law: Agriculture and Grazing (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)
- International Environmental Law (Law696I)
- Natural Resources Management in Native Communities (AIS441A)
- Traditional Ecological Knowledge (AIS431A)

Courses Relevant to Indigenous Peoples, 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)
- Conflict of Laws (Law623)
- 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) Courses²

- Native Economic Development (Law525)
- Indigenous Peoples Rights Under International Law (Law 579A)
- Rebuilding Native Nations: An Introduction (Law631D)
- Making Change Happen: Community Engagement and Transformation (Law 631J)
- Evidence for Indigenous Governance Principles (Law 631K)
- Constitutions of Indigenous Nations (Law 631L)
- Comparative Legal Systems & Their Role in Nation Building (Law631M)
- Exploring Data for Nation Building: Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Governance (Law 631N)
- Creating Indigenous Entrepreneurs (JITLaw631O)
- Intergovernmental Relations (JITLaw656A)
- Comparative Indigenous Governance (JITLaw656B)
- Cultural Property of Indigenous Peoples (JITLaw656F)

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 Diamond, within 14 days of the event, 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 5 courses, of which a minimum of four (4) units must be taken in any of the first three courses listed here*:

1. Tribal Justice Clinic *
2. International Human Rights Advocacy Workshop *
3. Yaqui Human Rights Project (for the Pasqua Yaqui Tribe and Rio Yaqui Pueblos) *
   (Law 696C-010) (2-6 credits), formerly International Environmental Law Clinic
4. Internship/Externship (must obtain prior approval)
5. NNALSA Moot Court Competition

² Winter session tuition applies. See Instructor/Professor
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 your supervisor (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 Supervisor
Students are strongly encouraged to meet with Professor Diamond during their first year at the college of law, but, at a minimum, after they enroll in the Certificate Program.

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.