

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 the protection and promotion of the 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 progressive policies and will develop a proficiency in federal Indian law, tribal law and tribal courts, indigenous human rights, indigenous community and economic development, and the protection of cultural and natural resources. Professor Heather WhitemanRunsHim supervises the Certificate program.

I. Requirements for Receiving a Certificate at the time of Graduation

A. Courses

The student must demonstrate satisfactory completion of both of the following **core required courses**:

1. Federal Indian Law (3 units) (Law 631A)
2. International Human Rights and Indigenous Peoples (2 units) (Law 527)

Complete one of the following **optional core required courses**:

1. Tribal Courts and Tribal Law (3 credits) (Law 631B),
2. Native American Natural Resources (3 credits) (Law 643D),
3. Tribal Water Rights (3 credits) (Law 656W), or
4. Comparative Law of Indigenous Peoples (656G)

Complete a minimum of 2 courses, **in addition to the above** courses, chosen from these classes:

1. Critical Race Practice (Law 631H)
2. Indian Gaming (Law 631E)
3. Taxation in Indian Country (Law 631C)
4. Cultural Property of Indigenous Peoples (Law 656F)
5. Criminal Law and Restorative Justice in Indian Country (Law 631N)
6. Nation Building (AIS 603) or Nation Building I (Law 537A, cross-listed with AIS)
7. Tribal Courts and Tribal Law (Law 631B) (**if not already selected as optional core required course**)
8. Native American Natural Resources (Law 643D) (**if not already selected as optional core required course**)
9. Indian Energy Law (Law 656C)
10. Child, Tribe, and State (Law 612C)
11. Tribal Water Rights (Law 656W)
12. Comparative Law of Indigenous Peoples (Law 656G)

Complete a minimum of three of the following courses:

1. Business Organizations (Law 616)
2. Administrative Law (Law 621A)
3. Federal Courts (Law 642)

4. Environmental Law (Law 669)
5. Water Law (Law 641)
6. Family Law (Law 612)
7. International Human Rights (Law 659)
8. Estates and Trusts (Law 615)
9. Real Estate Transactions (Law 638A)
10. Constitutional Law II (Law 615)
11. Equal Protection (Law 615D)
12. Secured Transactions (Law 633C)
13. Intellectual Property Law (Law 655R)
14. Estate Planning (Law 696A)
15. Conflict of Laws (Law 623)
16. Public Lands and Mining Law (Law 640A)
17. International Environmental Law (Law 696I)
18. Other course, with approval of IPLP J.D. Certificate Supervisor

B. Experiential Learning

In addition to the class requirements of Section A, above, students must complete a total of (6) units of experiential coursework from one or a combination of the following 10 courses, of which a minimum of three (3) units must be taken in any of **the first three courses** (designated with an *) listed here:

- 1. Tribal Justice Clinic** (2-6 credits) (Law 696C-010) *
- 2. International Human Rights Advocacy Workshop** (2-3 credits) (Law 696C-003) *
- 3. Pascua Yaqui Human Rights Project** (2-6 credits) (Law 696C- 009) *
4. Pascua Yaqui Court of Appeals Externship (3-6 credits)
5. Natural Resource Use and Management Clinic (3 credits) (Law 696C-006)
6. Internship/Externship (must obtain prior approval)
7. NNALSA Moot Court Competition (1-2 Credits) (Law 661C)
8. College of Law journals and publications
9. Substantial paper, topic in indigenous peoples law and policy
10. Advanced Legal Writing (Law 653A)

C. Speaker Attendance Requirement

Students must attend a minimum of eight (8) IPLP-approved speaker events during the course of their J.D. studies. They must sign-in at the event and provide proof of attendance to Professor Whiteman Runs Him within 14 days of the event.

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 the certificate program supervisor (Professor Whiteman Runs Him) (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 Whiteman Runs Him 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.