

## American Indian Law Certificate Application

**Name**, as you would like it to appear on the certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Month/year** of expected **graduation**: \_\_\_\_\_

**Full-time JD degree-candidate OU Law students are eligible to receive the certificate at graduation conditioned upon the successful completion of the requirements outlined below. Classes chosen to satisfy the requirements of this certificate must total at least 15 credit hours.**

1. To earn the certificate, students must take the following course:

Semester/year completed	Grade	Course number	Course Name
		5610	Federal Indian Law (3 credit hours)

2. In addition, students must select courses **totaling at least eight credit hours** (five if they have earned at least three hours in an Indian Law externship described in section 3.) from the following list:

Semester/year completed	Grade	Course number	Course Name
		6100	American Indian Estates (1 credit hour)
		6400	American Indian Estates Clinic (3 credit hours)
		6311	American Indian Law Review (1 credit hour)
		5600	American Indian Law Seminar - Selected Legal Problems (2 or 3 credit hours)
		6100	Art and Cultural Heritage Law (2 credit hours)
		5602	Comparative and International Indigenous Peoples' Law (2 credit hours)
		6100	Federal Indian Law Research (1 credit hour)
		6792	Federal Indian Water Law (2 credit hours)
		6722	Indian Gaming Law and Regulation Seminar (2 credit hours)
		6100	Legal Research: Federal Indian Law (1 credit hour)
		5633	Native American Natural Resources (3 credit hours)
		6100	Peacemaking (2 credit hours)
		6700	Religion, Culture & Indian Law Seminar (2 credit hours)
		6700	Tribal Courts/Tribal Law (2 credit hours)

3. Students must also select an experiential component by choosing **one** of the following options:

Semester/year completed	Grade	Course number	Course Name
		6400	American Indian Estates Clinic (3 credit hours)
		6400	Federal Indian Law Externship (max of 12 credit hours)
		6400	Extern Placement, provided the externship focuses substantially on the practice of American Indian Law, including a judicial externship. (3 credit hours)
		6400	Inter-American Human Rights Commission Externship (max of 12 credit hours)
		----	100 hours of employment as approved by the Center Director

The American Bar Association prohibits a student from receiving course credit for a paid internship. In other words, students have a choice of obtaining an unpaid but credited externship or a paid but uncredited job. To earn the Certificate, the student could select either option. Quality for the paid field work will be assured through supervision of the Center Director in collaboration with the Director of Extern Programs.

4. Students must also select **at least one course** from the following related courses from the general curriculum for a total of at least **3 credit hours**:

Semester/year completed	Grade	Course number	Course Name
		5403/6100	Administrative Law (3 or 4 credit hours)
		6523	Environmental Law (3 credit hours)
		5543	Federal Courts (3 credit hours)
		6060	International Law Foundations (2 or 3 credit hours)
		6540	Oil and Gas (3 credit hours)
		6580	Water Law (2 or 3 credit hours)
Average of all courses taken toward the Certificate			

5. Under the direction of a professor, either in a designated course or through independent directed study, the student must also complete **one major writing project** in a topic related to Indian Law. This paper may also satisfy the graduation writing requirement.

Writing project Faculty Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Standards

To qualify for the certificate the student is required to earn **at least 15** credit hours in courses counted toward the Certificate and must maintain a B (8.0 on a 12.0 scale) average in courses taken to satisfy the requirements of the Certificate.

**\*\*To certify for graduation, please deliver completed form to Becky Lucas.**

Registrar's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_