

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Oklahoma City University School of Law offers a number of certificate programs for students pursuing the JD degree. In order to qualify for a certificate, a student must submit an “Intent to Pursue a Certificate” form to the Registrar prior to the student’s final semester of law school. The requirements for the certificates are given below.

CERTIFICATE IN AMERICAN INDIAN LAW

A student shall receive a Certificate in American Indian Law upon completion of all requirements for the *Juris Doctor* degree, submission of an Intent to Pursue a Certificate form, and completion, with a cumulative B average, of the following coursework:

1. American Indian Law
2. Tribal Law
3. At least two of the following:
 - a. Family Law
 - b. Environmental Law (offered occasionally)
 - c. Oil and Gas Law
 - d. Indian Gaming Law (offered occasionally)
 - e. Administrative Law
 - f. Nonprofit organizations
 - g. Public Health Law (either as a seminar or as a course)
 - h. Any other elective course with significant American Indian law content approved by the program director, including elective courses previously listed for this certificate but no longer offered.
4. Satisfaction of the student’s upper-class writing requirement through one of the following seminar courses or competition:
 - a. Law and Anthropology
 - b. Native American Economic Development
 - c. NALSA Moot Court Competition
 - d. Seminar approved by the program director
5. Either one of the following clinical or externship courses:
 - a. American Indian Wills Clinic
 - b. Native American Externship

Professor Steven Foster is the program director for this certificate.

CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS LAW

A student shall receive a Certificate in Business Law upon completion of all requirements for the *Juris Doctor* degree, submission of an Intent to Pursue a Certificate form, and completion of the following requirements:

1. Completion of the following:
 - a. All of the following courses with a cumulative B- average:
 - i. Agency & Unincorporated Business Associations
 - ii. Corporations
 - iii. Law of Sales
 - b. Three of the following courses, with a cumulative B- average:
 - i. Antitrust
 - ii. Introduction to Bankruptcy
 - iii. Corporate Finance & Regulation
 - iv. Financing the Start-Up
 - v. Income Tax
 - vi. International Business Transactions
 - vii. Mergers & Acquisitions
 - viii. Securities Regulation
 - ix. Taxation of Business Entities
 - x. Any other elective course with significant business law content approved by the program director.

Note: While some of these courses are required for all students, the certificate requires that those courses be included in the certificate's requirement of a B-average.

2. Satisfaction of the upper-class writing requirement by means of a significant writing project (either a seminar paper, directed research paper, or law review note, but not a supervised paper) on a topic in business law, as approved by the program director.
3. Satisfaction of the clinic or externship requirement with the Corporate Counsel Externship, the Collaborative entrepreneurship clinic, or the Judicial Externship with a Bankruptcy Court placement. This requirement may be satisfied by another externship with the permission of the program director.

Program Director is Associate Dean Paula Dalley.

CERTIFICATE IN CRIMINAL LAW

This certificate program is designed to equip students with the foundational knowledge and the analytical and practical skills necessary to effectively launch their legal careers in the field of criminal law (as a prosecutor, public defender, defense attorney in private practice, appellate lawyer for criminal cases, law clerk, etc.). The certificate incorporates three core components: 1) understanding the key substantive, constitutional, and evidentiary doctrines in the criminal realm; 2) practical skills development through both a simulation/skills course and a separate experiential course working on actual criminal cases (via a clinic, externship, or internship); and 3) focused research and writing practice via writing a substantial scholarly work on a criminal law topic. These three focus areas are intended to produce students with the core knowledge, skills, and exposure to actual criminal law practice that are required to help them thoughtfully choose a career in this realm and begin it with the necessary tools and background.

A student shall receive a Certificate in Criminal Law upon completion of all requirements for the Juris Doctor degree, submission of an Intent to Pursue a Certificate form, and completion of the following requirements:

I. Course Requirements

A. Required Courses: Completion, with a B- average, of the following 3 courses:

1. Criminal Law (3 credits)
2. Evidence (3 credits)
3. Criminal Procedure (3 credits)

B. Optional Courses: Completion, with a B- average, of at least 2 additional courses (for a total of at least 5 additional credits) of the following courses:

1. American Criminal Law and Restorative Justice (1 credit)
2. Capital Punishment (3 credits) or Issues in Capital Punishment Seminar (2 credits)
3. Domestic Violence and the Law (2 credits)
4. Prosecuting Terrorism (2 credits)
5. Wrongful Convictions (3 credits)
6. Any other elective course with significant criminal law content approved by the program director

II. Skills Development & Experiential Learning Requirements

A. Completion of at least one of the following courses:

1. Forensic Evidence in the Courtroom (3 credits)
2. Pre-Trial Litigation (Criminal Focus) (3 credits)
3. Trial Practice (4 credits)
4. Any other simulation/skills development course approved by the program director

B. Completion of at least one of the following:

1. Innocence Clinic
2. Judicial Externship (Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals or other court with substantial criminal law component)
3. Litigation Practice Externship (in criminal law field)
4. Pro bono work in criminal law field (70 hours minimum), as approved by program director
5. Paid employment in criminal law field (100 hours minimum), as approved by program director
6. Other substantial, practical, experiential work on actual criminal law cases, as approved by program director

III. Scholarly Research and Writing Requirement

Completion, to the satisfaction of a full-time law faculty sponsor, of a scholarly work of writing, based upon substantial research and of publishable quality, that is focused upon a topic in the field of criminal law and approved by the program director. This requirement may be met via a seminar, law review note, directed research, supervised paper, or moot court brief (if approved by program director). This writing may also be used to satisfy the OCU Law Upper-Class Writing Requirement.

The program director for this Criminal Law Certificate is Professor Maria Kolar.

CERTIFICATE IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION

A student shall receive a Certification in Dispute Resolution upon completion of all requirements for the Juris Doctor degree, submission of an Intent to Pursue a Certificate form, and completion of the following courses with a cumulative B- average:

1. Arbitration Advocacy;
2. Mediation Advocacy;
3. Either (a) Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiation Advocacy or (b) ADR in Family Law)
4. Pretrial Litigation; and
5. Either (a) Trial Practice or (b) Forensic Evidence in the Courtroom

With the permission of the program director, a student may substitute a course with significant dispute resolution content (as determined by the program director) for Mediation Advocacy.

The program director for this certificate is Professor Tia Ebarb Matt.

CERTIFICATE IN ESTATE PLANNING

This certificate program is designed to equip students with the legal knowledge and practice skills to be effective as beginning practitioners in the area of wills, trusts, and estates. The required courses provide a basis in the relevant legal doctrine. The advanced courses allow the student to focus on one area in depth. The experiential learning component gives the student practical experience in dealing with clients, drafting, and addressing estate planning issues.

A student shall receive a Certificate in Estate Planning upon completion of all requirements for the *Juris Doctor* degree, submission of an Intent to Pursue a Certificate form, and completion, with a cumulative B average, of the following coursework:

1. All four of the following courses:
 - a. Estate and Gift Tax Law
 - b. Estate Planning
 - c. Income Tax Law
 - d. Wills, Trusts, and Estates
2. At least one of the following advanced courses:
 - a. Advanced Trust Law
 - b. Agency and Unincorporated Business Associations
 - c. Introduction to Bankruptcy
 - d. Administrative Law
 - e. American Indian Law
 - f. Oil and Gas Law
 - g. Any other elective course, or seminar, with significant wills, trusts, and estates law content approved by one of the program directors, including elective courses previously listed for this certificate but no longer offered.
3. Any **two** of the following clinical or externship courses:
 - a. American Indian Wills Clinic
 - b. Advanced American Indian Wills Clinic
 - c. Government Practice Externship with a placement at any of the following:
 - i. Oklahoma Health Care Authority
 - ii. Oklahoma State Department of Health
 - iii. Oklahoma Insurance Department
 - d. Judicial Externship with a placement at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court
 - e. Litigation Practice Externship with a placement at either of the following:
 - iv. Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma
 - v. Senior Law Resource Center
 - f. Externship with a placement at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation
 - g. Externship approved by the program director

The Program Director for this certificate is Professor Christin V. Mugg.

CERTIFICATE IN HOMELAND SECURITY LAW

A student shall receive a Certificate in Homeland Security Law upon completion of all requirements for the *Juris Doctor* degree, submission of an Intent to Pursue a Certificate form, and completion of the following requirements:

1. Completion, with a cumulative B- average, of six of the following courses, composed of:
 - a. Homeland Security Law
 - b. At least two of the following courses:
 - i. National Security Law
 - ii. Criminal Procedure
 - iii. Administrative Law
 - c. And any of the following elective courses:
 - i. Aviation Law (usually offered during the summer)
 - ii. Cybersecurity Law
 - iii. Federal Criminal Law
 - iv. Firearms Law and the Second Amendment (offered occasionally)
 - v. Information Privacy Law (offered occasionally)
 - vi. State and Local Government (offered every other year)
 - vii. Legislation
 - viii. Military and Veterans Law (offered every other year)
 - ix. Policing and the Law (offered every other year)
 - x. Any course listed under (b) above that is not used to satisfy requirement (b).
 - xi. Any other elective course with significant homeland security law content approved by the program director, including elective courses previously listed for this certificate but no longer offered.
2. Completion, to the satisfaction of a full-time law faculty sponsor, of a publishable paper (seminar, directed research, or law review note, but not a supervised paper) on a Homeland Security Law topic approved by the program director (the paper may also be used to satisfy the upper-class writing requirement).
3. Completion of one of the following:
 - a. Externship at a Homeland Security-related placement site approved by the program director.
 - b. Pro bono work consisting of a minimum of 50 hours during one semester at a Homeland Security-related placement site approved by the program director.
 - c. Paid employment consisting of a minimum of 100 hours during one semester at a Homeland Security-related placement site approved by the program director.
 - d. A second paper (seminar, directed research, law review note, or a supervised paper) to the satisfaction of a full-time law faculty sponsor, on a Homeland Security Law topic approved by the program director.

The program director for this certificate is Professor Marc Blitz.

CERTIFICATE IN IP, SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT LAW (IPSEL)

This certificate program is designed to equip students with the foundational knowledge and the analytical and practical skills necessary to effectively launch their legal careers in the fields of intellectual property (“IP”), sports, and entertainment law (“IPSEL”) as well as antitrust or competition law and technology law as an IP lawyer, patent prosecutor, patent litigator, trademark examining attorney, trademark or copyright litigator, entertainment lawyer, antitrust lawyer, technology lawyer, sports lawyer, sports agent, talent agent, literary agent, judicial law clerk, in-house counsel, studio executive, administrative patent/trademark judge, etc.). The certificate incorporates three core components: 1) understanding the key substantive doctrines in the realms of IPSEL; 2) practical skills development through both a simulation/skills course and a separate experiential course working on actual cases involving IPSEL (via a clinic, externship, or internship); and 3) focused research and writing practice via writing a substantial scholarly work on a topic involving IPSEL. These three focus areas are intended to produce students with the core knowledge, skills, and exposure to actual practice in IPSEL that are required to help them thoughtfully choose a career in these spaces and begin it with the necessary tools and background.

A student shall receive a Certificate in IPSEL upon completion of all requirements for the Juris Doctor degree, submission of an Intent to Pursue a Certificate form, and completion of the following requirements:

I. Course Requirements

A. Required Courses: Completion, with a B- average, of the following 2 courses:

1. Intellectual Property (3 credits); AND
2. Antitrust (3 credits), Sports Law (3 credits), Entertainment Law (3 credits) OR the Sports & Entertainment Law Seminar (2 credits)

B. Optional Courses: Completion, with a B- average, of at least 2 additional courses (for a total of at least 5 additional credits) of the following courses:

1. Copyright (3 credits)
2. Patent Law (3 credits)
3. Trademark Law (3 credits)
4. Information Privacy Law (3 credits)
5. Cybersecurity Law (2 credits)
6. Law Practice Technology (3 credits)
7. Law and Film (1 credit)
8. The Law of Blockchain (1 credit)
9. Financing the Start-Up (2 credits)
10. First Amendment Law (3 credits)
11. Any other elective course with significant IPSEL law content approved by the program director, including any of Antitrust (3 credits), Sports Law (3 credits), Entertainment Law (3 credits) or the Sports & Entertainment Law Seminar (2 credits) if at least one course from this list was satisfied above in (I)(A)(2).

II. Skills Development & Experiential Learning Requirements

A. Completion of at least one of the following courses:

1. Arbitration Advocacy (2 credits)
2. Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiation Advocacy (2 credits)
3. Mediation Advocacy (2 credits)
4. Pre-trial Litigation (Civil Focus) (3 credits)
5. Trial Practice (4 credits)
6. Forensic Evidence in the Courtroom (3 credits)

B. Completion of at least one of the following:

1. The Collaborative: Law Clinic for Business and Innovation
2. Corporate Externship (in an IPSEL law field)
3. Litigation Practice Externship (in an IPSEL law field)
4. Pro bono work in IPSEL law field (70 hours minimum), as approved by program director
5. Paid employment in IPSEL law field (100 hours minimum), as approved by program director
6. Other substantial, practical, experiential work on actual IPSEL law cases, as approved by program director

III. Scholarly Research and Writing Requirement

Completion, to the satisfaction of a full-time law faculty sponsor, of a scholarly work of writing, based upon substantial research and of publishable quality, that is focused upon a topic in the field of IPSEL law and approved by the program director. This requirement may be met via a seminar, law review note, directed research, supervised paper, or moot court brief (if approved by program director). This writing may also be used to satisfy the OCU Law Upper-Class Writing Requirement.

The program director for this IPSEL Law Certificate is Professor Timothy Hsieh.

CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC LAW

As the relationship between law and public policy becomes more complex and the role of attorneys in government agencies increases, there is a great need for attorneys with both an excellent grounding in the theory of law and political science and a well-rounded exposure to the doctrines of public law in diverse areas such as Environmental Law, Securities Regulation, and Federal Criminal Law. The Certificate in Public Law enables students, through a well-planned series of courses, extensive writing, and opportunities to do an externship in the field, to acquire excellent training in public law that will make them attractive not only to government employers, but to any employer who deals with public law issues.

A student shall receive a Certificate in Public Law upon completion of all requirements for the *Juris Doctor* degree, submission of an Intent to Pursue a Certificate form, and completion of the following requirements:

1. Completion, with a B- average, of six of the following courses, comprised of:

a. At least two of:

- i. Administrative Law
- ii. Criminal Procedure
- iii. State Constitutional Law (offered occasionally)
- iii. State and Local Government (offered every other year)

b. Any of the following elective courses:

- i. American Criminal Law and Restorative Justice
- ii. American Indian Law
- iii. Environmental Law
- iv. Estate and Gift Taxation
- v. Federal Criminal Law (offered occasionally)
- vi. Federal Jurisdiction (offered occasionally)
- vii. Immigration Law
- viii. Income Taxation
- ix. Securities Regulation (offered occasionally)
- x. Any course listed under (a) above that is not used to satisfy requirement (a).
- xi. Any other elective course with significant public law content approved by the program director, including elective courses previously listed for this certificate but no longer offered.

2. Completion, to the satisfaction of a full-time law faculty sponsor, a publishable paper (seminar, directed research, law review note, or a supervised paper) on a public law topic approved by the program director (the paper may also be used to satisfy the upper-class writing requirement).

3. Completion of one of the following:

- a. A Government Practice Externship **or** a Judicial Externship, to the satisfaction of the Director of Externship Programs; or
- b. A second paper (seminar, directed research, law review note, or a supervised paper) on a public law topic approved by the program director, to the satisfaction of a full-time law faculty sponsor; or
- c. A brief (for a moot court team approved for academic credit) on a public law topic approved by the program director, to the satisfaction of a full-time law faculty sponsor.

The program director for this certificate is Professor Andrew Spiropoulos.