



American Indian Law Certificate Program

Advisement and Tracking Form

This form serves as an advising tool and tracking mechanism for the University of Colorado Law School's American Indian Law Certificate Program requirements. A signature by the Program Coordinator indicates the Coordinator's determination—to be verified by the Registrar—that upon satisfactory completion of the course work indicated below, the applicant has met the Certificate requirements and should receive the Certificate upon graduation. A student who satisfies all of the course requirements for the Certificate "With Honors" if the student earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 86 (B+) in courses designated by the student as satisfying the certificate requirements.

Directions to student: (1) complete the form below on or before your fall registration for your second year of law school; (2) obtain the signature of the Program Coordinator; (3) submit page 1 of this completed and signed form to the Registrar; (4) provide a copy of the completed and signed form to the Program Coordinator and retain a copy for your records; and (5) by November 1 or March 15 of your graduating semester, re-confirm that you will earn this Certificate by submitting page 2 of this completed and signed form to the Registrar (retaining a copy for your records).

Student Name: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Acknowledgment of Understanding: I wish to be considered a participant in the American Indian Law Certificate Program. I understand the course and credit requirements of the Program as set forth in the Law School Rule 49 and on page 2 of this form and acknowledge that I am solely responsible for ensuring that I satisfactorily complete them. I agree to keep in periodic contact with Program Coordinator and Registrar who may advise me with regard to scheduling and completing the required courses. I also consent to the release of my law school transcript to the Program Coordinator for verification of completion of certificate requirements in the semester preceding my graduation.

Student: _____ **Date** _____
(Student's Signature)

Acknowledgment of Receipt: _____ **Date** _____
(Program Coordinator's Signature)

Acknowledgment of Receipt: _____ **Date** _____
(Registrar's Signature)

A participating student must earn 95 semester hours of course credit for graduation (as contrasted with the usual 89 semester hours) and earn at least 18 of these semester hour credits in the area of American Indian Law with 73 credits being earned in non-Indian law courses. Consequently, the Certificate requires completion of the normal requirements for the Juris Doctor degree, augmented by an additional six semester hours of credit (for a total of 95 hours of credit). See Law School Rule 49.

American Indian Law Program Certificate Course Requirements

Required Courses:	Credits	Target Date	Completion Date	Credits Earned
American Indian Law I (LAWS 7725)	3			
American Indian Law II (LAWS 7735; prerequisite LAWS 7725)	2 or 3			
American Indian Law Clinic (LAWS 7309; prerequisite or corequisite LAWS 7725 and LAWS 6535 (Evidence))	8			
Elective "Indian Law" Courses: (These will automatically be treated as "Indian law" courses. Student should use these and the "election" courses listed below to satisfy the 18 credit hour requirement)				
Advanced American Indian Law Seminar (LAWS 8725)	2			
Jurisdiction in Indian Country (LAWS 7745)	2			
Externship with an American Indian law focus (this could include service as a Research Assistant or Clerkship)	1 or 2			
Compete in the National Native American Law Students Association Moot Court Competition (1 credit if allowable under Law School Rules)	1			
Independent Legal Research Project (focused on a topic of American Indian law in accordance with Rule §3-2-6)	1 or 2			
Other law school American Indian law course (prior approval required under Rule §3-4-1)	1 or 2			
"Election" Indian Law Courses (Student must affirmatively elect to treat these as "Indian law" courses to satisfy the 18 credit hour certificate requirement. Without an election, these courses will be credited toward the 73 credit hour non-Indian law graduation requirement)				
Cultural Property Law (LAWS 6602)	3			
Foundations of Natural Resources Law & Policy (LAWS 6112)	3			
Advanced Natural Resources Law Seminar (LAWS 8112)	3			
Water Law (LAWS 6302)	3			
Public Land Law (LAWS 6002; LAWS 6112 pre-requisite)	3			
North American Indian Acculturation (ANTH 4560/5560 at CU School of Anthropology) (if cross-listed with Law School)	3			

I, Professor Jill E. Tompkins (Program Coordinator), hereby determine that _____ (student), upon satisfactory completion of the above course work, will satisfy the American Indian law course requirements for the American Indian Law Certificate.

Signature

Date