

## Arizona State University—Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

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### ■ Introduction

Founded in 1967, the College of Law at Arizona State University boasts a strong general law curriculum supported by four lead programs and an outstanding teaching faculty. Phoenix is the largest metropolitan area in the country to have only one ABA-accredited law school. Students are attracted by the quality of legal education available, commitment to innovative teaching and scholarship, reasonable tuition, and the low student/faculty ratio. A busy calendar of distinguished scholars, jurists, and public officials enriches the student experience and fosters a strong sense of community among the faculty. The College of Law combines the best traditions of American legal education with innovative programs supported by strong community partnerships.

### ■ Admission

Every application receives full review and consideration by the Committee prior to a decision. Among the factors influencing the admission decision are undergraduate and previous graduate education, LSAT score, quality and grading patterns of undergraduate institutions, work or other nonacademic experience, leadership experience, public service, and cultural or socioeconomic background. Students from minority groups are encouraged to apply. Students from diverse cultural, ethnic, and racial backgrounds enrich the College of Law community and ultimately increase the number of minority lawyers in the country.

### ■ Curriculum

The College of Law offers one of the best student/teacher ratios in the country and a wide variety of courses. More than half of the classes in the second and third year have fewer than 25 students. Joint degrees are offered with the MBA program, the PhD in Psychology, the PhD in Justice Studies, and the Mayo Clinic's MD. The college takes full advantage of its unique location in Phoenix by offering over 80 externship opportunities.

### ■ Clinical Programs

The Clinical Program is one of the most comprehensive in the nation. Live-client clinics include Criminal Practice, Public Defender, Civil Justice, and the Lodestar Dispute Resolution Program. The Technology Venture Clinic brings law students together with students from other colleges to assist an agency of the university in assessing, preparing, and implementing technology transfers. The new Indian Legal Clinic trains students for practice in state, federal, and tribal courts, and offers practical experience in the application of fundamental principles of Indian law to issues affecting Native American communities. Second- and third-year law students can also represent indigent clients in immigration proceedings and work on immigration policy projects in the Immigration Clinic.

### ■ Library and Physical Facilities

The College of Law is composed of Armstrong Hall and the John J. Ross-William C. Blakley Law Library and is set on the

eastern edge of the university's beautiful 700-acre campus. Armstrong Hall's classrooms are fully accessible to students with disabilities. The Willard H. Pedrick Great Hall serves not only as a courtroom for annual visits from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Arizona Supreme Court, the Navajo Supreme Court, and the Arizona Court of Appeals, but also as a location for campus events. The Ryan C. Harris Courtroom is a state-of-the-art facility specially designed for trial advocacy classes. Armstrong Hall also houses a legal clinic; the Center for the Study of Law, Science, and Technology; the Indian Legal Program; the Committee on Law and Philosophy; the ABA *Jurimetrics* journal; as well as the Cohen Student Center and Sidebar Café. The Ross-Blakely Law Library is a stunningly beautiful work of architecture with lots of windows for natural light. It hosts three computer labs (containing a total of 40 computers), a well-staffed help desk, numerous study rooms for groups or individuals, and LexisNexis and Westlaw training. Both Armstrong Hall and the Ross-Blakely Law Library are fully equipped with a wireless network.

### ■ Center for the Study of Law, Science, and Technology

Founded in 1984, the Center for the Study of Law, Science, and Technology is the oldest and largest law and science center in the country. It offers certificate programs in Intellectual Property, Health Care Law, and Environmental Law. Each year 10 entering students are invited to become Center Scholars and participate in special activities designed to give a unique experience to those with a special interest in law and science. Center faculty and students edit and copublish with the American Bar Association the prestigious, peer-refereed *Jurimetrics: The Journal of Law, Science, and Technology*, the oldest and most widely circulated journal in the field of law and science.

### ■ Indian Legal Program

The Indian Legal Program enjoys a position of national preeminence. The Indian Legal Program coordinates a certificate program offering more than a dozen courses in Indian law as well as coursework in areas such as natural resources and environmental law, employment law, administrative law, and tax law designed to provide the necessary foundation for practice in Indian law. An extraordinary faculty and long-term partnerships with tribal governments contribute to the strength and reputation of the College of Law in this critical area.

### ■ Committee on Law and Philosophy

Composed of law faculty and liberal arts and sciences faculty, the committee creates and maintains an active intellectual community specializing in criminal law theory, punishment, forgiveness, constitutional interpretation, human rights theory, law and literature, law and religion, and political obligation. The committee sponsors and hosts conferences, lectures, courses, and seminars.

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## ■ Student Activities

The Student Bar Association and almost 30 other student organizations sponsor numerous activities. Upper-level students publish the *Arizona State Law Journal*. Most students volunteer time and talent through student-coordinated pro bono organizations, and pro bono honors are awarded at graduation as part of a participating student’s official record. Students direct the moot court program and participate in national and international moot court competitions.

## ■ Career Services

The Career Services Office provides individual assistance to students and alumni seeking employment. The office conducts an extensive program of on-campus interviews during the fall and spring semesters with law firms and governmental agencies. Services also include a computerized job line and alumni bulletin, a resource library, and workshops on résumé writing, interviewing, and job-search techniques.

## ■ LLM Programs

The groundbreaking Master of Laws in Biotech and Genomics is the first degree of its kind in the nation, which explains the overwhelming attention it received from applicants and the national media following announcement of its inception. It provides students with in-depth study of the scientific and policy aspects of genomics. Through classroom instruction and guided independent study, LLM candidates explore the laws that enable and constrain the development, control, and application of biotechnology and genomics, including areas such as public health law, agricultural law and policy, and intellectual property. Because of the strength of our Indian Legal Program, the Master of Laws (LLM) in Tribal Policy, Law, and Government was established. It allows lawyers interested in teaching or practice related to Native American issues to further their career goals.

## Applicant Profile

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This grid includes only applicants with 120–180 LSAT scores earned under standard administrations.

LSAT Score	GPA																				Total		
	3.75 +		3.50–3.74		3.25–3.49		3.00–3.24		2.75–2.99		2.50–2.74		2.25–2.49		2.00–2.24		Below 2.00		No GPA		Apps	Adm	
	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	
175–180	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
170–174	8	8	4	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	22	22
165–169	17	17	24	24	28	28	20	19	8	7	9	8	2	0	3	1	0	0	2	2	113	106	
160–164	86	85	116	102	93	68	83	59	50	24	31	12	8	3	5	1	1	0	2	0	475	354	
155–159	133	56	196	60	219	48	157	23	80	11	39	10	15	5	8	0	1	0	6	1	854	214	
150–154	104	23	169	19	180	14	159	18	100	7	44	3	23	1	3	1	4	0	5	0	791	86	
145–149	42	8	85	9	81	9	95	7	56	3	36	0	20	0	9	0	2	0	5	0	431	36	
140–144	10	0	23	0	44	1	45	0	42	1	24	2	15	0	5	0	0	0	3	0	211	4	
135–139	2	0	9	1	14	0	15	0	11	0	9	0	12	0	5	1	3	0	3	0	83	2	
130–134	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	0	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	21	0	
125–129	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	
120–124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3009</b>	<b>825</b>	

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.