

# Master of Legal Studies (MLS)

## Indian Gaming, Tribal Self-Governance or General Indian Law

- First law school in the Nation to offer MLS programs focused on Indian gaming and tribal self-governance
- Advanced courses developed by Native faculty to equip graduates with the foundation to pursue jobs in these specialty areas
- Graduates may serve as senior executives for tribes or tribal entities, tribal elected officials, and other professionals such as congressional, federal, state and local employees
- Opportunities for externships with nationally recognized employers
- 30-credit degree program offered online and in person (Washington, D.C. and Phoenix campuses)
- Start in fall and attend full- or part-time; no entrance exam required

**ASU** Sandra Day O'Connor  
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Indian Gaming and Tribal  
Self-Governance Programs

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**The Indian Gaming Emphasis** provides an in-depth curriculum focused on the legal foundations of Indian gaming, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, the roles of tribal and federal regulatory agencies, regulatory compliance, tribal-state compacts, intergovernmental agreements, employment law and evolving trends in Indian gaming.

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**The Tribal Self-Governance Emphasis** focuses on federal Indian policy, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, planning for the assumption of federal programs, strategic planning and administration, negotiation of contracts and compacts with the federal government and evolving trends in tribal self-governance.

**The General Indian Law Emphasis** provides a general curriculum of Indian law and allows students to choose classes in specialty areas such as: contract law, civil jurisdiction and federal advocacy.

ASU Law's Indian Legal Program (ILP) was established in 1988 to provide legal education, generate scholarly writing in the area of Indian law and to initiate public service to tribal governments. With over 500 graduates, including tribal citizens from over 100 Tribes across the country, the ILP is **one of the leading Native Law programs in the nation**, recognized for its strong partnerships with Tribal Nations and Tribal organizations on a national scale. The ILP focuses on teaching practical skills and providing unique opportunities and experiences to its students across a spectrum of fields. Faculty members are leading scholars in their fields and are recognized for their research and publications.

Tribal initiatives have successfully addressed challenges that echo from repudiated federal policies. ASU Law is supporting those tribal initiatives with advanced degree programs focused on Indian gaming and tribal-self governance for professionals who desire an advanced, concentrated curriculum in these areas.



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