The Comparative Indigenous Peoples’ Law course is taught in conjunction with the University of Ottawa Law School, The University of Saskatchewan Law School, the Monash University Faculty of Law (Australia), The University of Queensland Faculty Law (Australia), David Yarvau, The University of Auckland and Victoria University Faculty of Law (New Zealand): Using the latest in video-conferencing technology, Canadian, American and Australian University College of Law students participate in a semester discussion of issues relating to indigenous peoples’ rights in their respective countries.

Students interested in acquiring a deeper knowledge of Australian Aboriginal Law may spend a semester studying at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia.

As Native American Nations reestablish Tribal Court Systems, it is imperative for lawyers to understand the complexities of issues in Tribal, State and Federal laws. The OU Law School is at the forefront of preparing students for a new look at these issues.

—Honorable Barbara Anne Smith
Supreme Court Justice of the Chickasaw Nation

“Located in the heart of Native America, OU Law offers an ideal environment to study Indian law, with a broad curriculum, accessible resources and real opportunities for scholarship and practical experience.”
—Professor Taiawagi Helton

“I’m excited to see how the Center for Study of American Indian Law and Policy has grown under the directorship of Lindsay Robertson. This center will be an active partner with OU Law in providing counsel to Native American entities across the nation.”
—Dr. Rennard Strickland, Dean Emeritus of the University of Oregon School of Law and former Professor at the University of Oklahoma Law School

Native American Law Program
The University of Oklahoma College of Law's Native Peoples' Collection is one of the nation's largest collections of books and resources on the law relating to Native Peoples, and has an international reputation for scholarship in the field. The collection comprises approximately 6,000 titles in print and microform. It is unique in its legal emphasis and specifically tailored to give acquisition of its perspective on Native American culture and history. This collection is a major resource for scholars and researchers throughout the nation.

Native American Constitution and Law Digitization Project

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The University of Oklahoma College of Law faculty and administration are committed to the integration of Native American law topics into the curriculum. The result is a comprehensive Indian law curriculum, allowing for varying levels of exposure and specialization, depending on student interests. The full-time degree candidates must complete at least eleven courses specifically included in the certificate upon the successful completion of the following:

- 6060 Public International Law
- 5403 Administrative Law
- 3661 Judicial Clinic (provided the externship focuses substantially on Indian law documents and publications.
- 6371 Legal Externship Clinic (provided the externship focuses substantially on Indian law documents and publications.
- 5600 Tribal Economic Development and Self-Determination
- 6400 Federal Indian Law Externship
- 5612 Indian Land Titles
- 5600 Native American Natural Resources
- 5670 Indian Law Digitization Project
- 6381 Indian Governmental Relations
- 6261 Certificate Program

One of the following externships or employment opportunities in the field of Indian law:

- 6400 Federal Indian Law Clinic
- 6400 Oklahoma Indian Legal Services
- 6400 U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Department of the Interior, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 6400 Native American Law and Policy Center
- 6400 Oklahoma Indian Legal Services

NATIVE AMERICAN NATURAL RESOURCES

The course has been a major resource for scholars and researchers throughout the nation.

American Legal History

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