The Bachelor of Arts in Law

The James E. Rogers College of Law (Arizona Law) and the School of Government and Public Policy (SGPP) now offer a Bachelor of Arts in law—the first in the country. Students receive core legal training and develop critical skills, including an understanding of the American common law system, public law, and criminal and civil procedure. Upon graduation, students are well-equipped for direct employment in an increasing number of jobs where legal training is an advantage. For future lawyers, the B.A. in law provides the opportunity for an expedited path, allowing qualified law majors to start law school at Arizona Law after their junior year through the 3+3 B.A./J.D. Program.

A Rigorous Program and Self-Directed Curriculum

Supplementing their government courses, students are required to take four law core courses and five law electives. Taught by law faculty, the law core courses are designed to provide a practical understanding of fundamental legal subjects and train students to “think like a lawyer.” Core courses are as follows:

- Procedure—LAW 401 (criminal, civil & administrative procedure)
- The American Common Law System I—LAW 402A (torts & contracts)
- The American Common Law System II—LAW 402B (property)
- The American Public Law System—LAW 404 (constitutional & administrative law)

Students also have the opportunity to take upper-level electives in areas as wide-ranging as international law, family law, criminal law, immigration law, health law, employment law, and business law. These specialized areas encompass opportunities for interdisciplinary study, legal internships, networking, and mentorship in a student’s chosen field of interest. The flexibility of the B.A. in law also easily accommodates students interested in double majoring.

For complete major requirements, please visit http://sgpp.arizona.edu/bachelor-law.

3+3 B.A./J.D. Program

The 3+3 Bachelor of Arts/Juris Doctor program enables academically talented University of Arizona undergraduates to complete a B.A. in law and a J.D. in as few as six years of study. The program is open to University of Arizona law majors with a minimum 3.3 GPA. Through this program, students apply to Arizona Law during their junior year and, if accepted, spend their senior year as first-year law students. Their first-year law courses count toward the completion of both their law B.A. and their J.D. For more information on eligibility requirements, please visit http://sgpp.arizona.edu/acceleratedlaw.

Law majors who have a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA and have scored above the 85th percentile on the SAT or ACT are eligible to apply to Arizona Law without taking the LSAT. Other UA students may apply through this program as seniors or recent graduates. For additional information, visit http://choosearizonalaw.com (Arizona Select Admissions Program).

Internship Opportunities

With prior approval, students may also earn academic credit for internships, where they receive hands-on training in law-related fields. Students have previously interned with the Pima County Attorney’s Office, Public Defender’s Office and Sheriff’s Department; the Oro Valley and Tucson Police Departments; Congressional Offices; the International Rescue Committee; the U.S. Department of State, Marshal’s Office, CIA, FBI and Postal Inspector; and the White House.

Internships can provide opportunities to apply knowledge in professional settings, help define career goals and narrow areas of interest, make contacts and secure connections for future employment, and build experience to distinguish students on their resumés and law school applications.

Careers

There are numerous careers for which formal legal education is beneficial, but for which a J.D. is not required. The B.A. in law program helps prepare students for such careers, including the following:

- Auditor
- Case Manager
- City Planner
- Civil Rights Advocate/ Campaigner
- Compliance Officer
- Conflict Resolution Specialist
- Congressional Staffer
- Consumer Safety Officer
- Employee Benefits Manager
- Environmental Impact Analyst
- Environmental Protection Specialist
- Financial Adviser
- Foreign Affairs Officer
- Health/Medical Administrator
- Human Resources Specialist
- Human Rights Officer
- Humanitarian Affairs Officer
- Immigration/Asylum Officer
- Indian Self Determination Specialist
- Intellectual Property Research Specialist
- Intelligence Officer/Analyst
- Investigator
- IRS, FBI, ICE, or DEA Agent
- Legal Correspondent
- Legal Technology Consultant
- Lobbyist
- Natural Resources Officer
- Ombudsperson
- Paralegal
- Patent Examiner
- Policy Analyst
- Politician/Legislator
- Public Affairs/Media Specialist
- Social Worker
- Trade Policy Analyst
- Tribal Operations Specialist
- Victim Advocate/Coordinator
- Water Manager/Resource Specialist

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Admission
Students may declare the law major when they apply for admission to the University of Arizona or after their arrival. Students interested in declaring the major should contact the academic advisor for the law program in SGPP. Upon verification of GPA and academic progress, law majors may enroll in the law core courses.

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