

EDUCATION LAW AND POLICY - CERTIFICATE

The graduate-level Certificate in Education Law and Policy will prepare new and experienced teachers, administrators and staff to effectively address complex legal and policy challenges in the K-12 and higher education fields. Specifically, participants will be exposed to (i) important Federal and state laws, regulations and policies in the education field, and (ii) advances in theory and practice, as well as applications of law, regulation and policies through case studies via a module-based structure. The Certificate in Education Law and Policy provides an industry-responsive curriculum with a focus on education law as it applies to policies, business, and economic factors. Courses are offered by asynchronous distance learning to provide a flexible schedule for working professionals. Interactive coursework includes case study assignments and regular interaction with classmates through zoom meetings, videos, audio casts, chat rooms, discussion boards, and group breakout sessions. Prospective students have expressed interest in a graduate program designed for educational professionals, including teachers, administrators, and school staff, that provides specialized legal training to position them to respond to the challenges and opportunities the industry may pose for providers, suppliers, and industry partners. Individuals who complete the program will be able to synthesize scenarios and legal regulation in the education sector, providing analysis or judgments for consideration to organizational leadership with a nuanced perspective.

This program is also approved for delivery via asynchronous distance education technology.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Required Courses ^{1,2}		
LAW 619	Principles of Regulatory Law ³	2
LAW 637	Education Law	3
LAW 764	Introduction to the United States Legal System	2
LAW 772	Ethical Decision Making	1
LAW 745	ADR Doing Deals and Resolving Disputes Through Negotiation, Mediation and Arbitration or LAW 792 or Dispute Resolution	1
Elective Courses		
Select one of the following:		3
LAW 753	Dispute Resolution in Education	
LAW 754	Special Education Law	
LAW 755	Title IX Law	
LAW 756	Modern Legal Issues in Higher Education Law	
Total Semester Credit Hours		12

are required to take two other elective courses in lieu of the following required courses listed: LAW 764 Introduction to the U.S. Legal System; LAW 619 Principles of Regulatory Law; LAW 772 Ethical Decision-making; and LAW 792 Dispute Resolution or LAW 745 ADR: Doing Deals and Resolving Disputes Through Negotiation, Mediation, and Arbitration.

² Students who are licensed to practice law in the United States or who hold a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree from an ABA-accredited law school are required to take two other elective courses in lieu of the following required courses listed: LAW 764 Introduction to the U.S. Legal System; LAW 619 Principles of Regulatory Law; LAW 772 Ethical Decision-making; and LAW 792 Dispute Resolution or LAW 745 ADR: Doing Deals and Resolving Disputes Through Negotiation, Mediation, and Arbitration.

³ Students who are foreign-educated lawyers possessing a degree equivalent to the J.D. are required to take one other elective course in lieu of LAW 619 Principles of Regulatory Law.

Students enrolled in the Master of Legal Studies degree program or the Master of Laws degree program at Texas A&M University School of Law and earning the Certificate in Education Law and Policy concurrently with the degree program must have applied for graduation for the degree program in the semester in which the Certificate is to be awarded and must successfully complete the semester credit hours as indicated on their degree plan.

¹ Students enrolled in the Master of Legal Studies degree program or the Master of Laws degree program at Texas A&M University School of Law and earning the Certificate in Education Law and Policy concurrently with the degree program and (2) students who have previously earned a degree from Texas A&M University School of Law