

Artificial Intelligence Law Certificate

OVERVIEW

Artificial intelligence is reshaping industries, governance, and legal boundaries. The Drake Law School AI Law Certificate equips students with analytical precision and strategic vision to navigate this evolving ecosystem and lead innovation in private practice, government, policy, or academia.

CORE FOCUS AREAS

Our curriculum takes a holistic view of the AI ecosystem, examining:

Infrastructure and Hardware
Data centers, energy systems, cloud computing, CPUs, GPUs, and quantum computing

Software
Machine learning, large language models, and data analytics

Essential Resources
Raw materials, water, and human labor required to sustain AI technology

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE LAW CERTIFICATE

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete a minimum of 18 credits combining core courses, electives, and experiential learning.

Required Courses

(any two courses listed below)

- Artificial Intelligence and the Law - Intro
- Artificial Intelligence Policy & Governance Intensive
- Generative AI for Legal Research
- Privacy & Cybersecurity

Electives and Research

- Individual/Independent Research, AWR, or Note on AI (program director approval required)
- Environmental Law
- Law of Compliance and Risk Management
- Copyright Law
- Up to three credits from an approved AI-related class outside the Law School (including undergraduate courses)

Experiential Training

- Contract Drafting
- Mediation
- Negotiations
- Entrepreneurial/Transactional Clinic
- Approved AI-related Moot Court, Clinic, or Internship

FACULTY

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