

CERTIFICATE IN REMOTE SENSING, AIR, AND SPACE LAW
NATIONAL CENTER FOR REMOTE SENSING, AIR AND SPACE LAW
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF LAW

The National Center for Remote Sensing, Air and Space Law at the University of Mississippi School of Law (Center), is the nation's leading — and only — law school for the study of both air and space law. The Center offers a Certificate in Remote Sensing, Air, and Space Law. For law students seeking such specialized legal courses, this certificate provides a comprehensive understanding of the legal processes regulating domestic and international aerospace activities. Students enrolled in the Certificate program receive the distinctive, interdisciplinary knowledge and expertise for which the Center is world-renowned.

The Center offers a unique curriculum rich in the legal issues that arise from new technologies in space, such as data laws and policies, intellectual property, privacy, liability, international law, use of imagery as legal evidence, environmental issues, space exploration law, and licensing. Additionally, the Center offers studies in aviation law dealing with government regulation of aviation industry, public and private international aviation law, aircraft financing, economic regulation of domestic and international air routes and rates, and environmental aviation law.

The Certificate program in Remote Sensing, Air, and Space Law consists of four aerospace law courses (12 credit hours), an Independent Study in Aerospace Law and/or possible externship/internship placement (3 credit hours), and three elective courses (12 credit hours), for a total of twenty-seven (27) credits.

Admissions Criteria, Continuation and Exit Requirements for Proposed Certificate in Remote Sensing, Air, and Space Law Program

A. Minimum Admissions Requirements:

No student will be admitted to the Certificate program in Air and Space Law unless that student is admitted as a law student to the University of Mississippi School of Law, and is in good standing.

B. Continuation and Exit Requirements:

A combined grade point average of 2.5 in the Certificate Courses must be achieved in order to successfully receive the Certificate. Students earning a cumulative 3.2 grade point average in all Certificate Courses will have “with honors” reflected on their certificates. Courses to be counted towards the Certificate in Remote Sensing, Air, and Space Law may not be taken on an audit basis.

Students seeking to earn the Certificate in Remote Sensing, Air, and Space Law must successfully complete the following Core Courses and choose from the following Elective Courses:

Core Courses (12 hours):

- 1) International Space Law (3 hours)
- 2) U.S. Domestic Space Law or Remote Sensing Law (3 hours)
- 3) International Aviation Law (3 hours)
- 4) U.S. Aviation Law (3 hours)

Elective Courses to choose from (12 hours):

- 1) Administrative Law (2-3 hours)
- 2) Communications Law (3 hours)
- 3) Environmental Law (2-3 hours)
- 4) European Communities Law (2-3 hours)
- 5) International Commercial Arbitration (3 hours)
- 6) International Environmental Law (2-3 hours)
- 7) Intellectual Property (2-3 hours)
- 8) International Law (2-3 hours)
- 9) International Security Law & Policy (2-3 hours)
- 10) International Trade (2-3 hours)
- 11) Journal of Space Law (1-4 hours)
- 12) Law of Armed Conflict (2-3 hours)
- 13) Remote Sensing Law (3 hours)
- 14) U.S. Domestic Space Law (3 hours)
- 15) Related additional or substitute course(s) specifically approved by the Program Director.

Independent Study or Internship/Externship Placement (3 hours):

Each Certificate student must present acceptable legal research and analysis on an aerospace law topic assigned by the faculty, and the preparation of a written article. Permission of the supervising faculty member and the Curriculum Committee of the law faculty is a pre-requisite. Grades are determined by the quality of the proposal, literature review, research report, and article completion.

In lieu of the Independent Study, with the assistance of, and subject to the approval of the Program Director, students may do a supervised internship/externship in the aviation or space law private or public sector, or at the Center, for three credit hours.¹ The Center's students have served in externships with U.S. Federal agencies and the private sector. Additionally, students from other national and international law schools and organizations have come to the Center and participated in internships at the Center, whereby they have conducted research on timely Center or other projects. UM law students have been able to participate in active and pending legal issues by

¹ This placement is subject to availability.

assisting Center faculty in the researching and drafting of other nations' aerospace laws, regulations, and policies. Such opportunities are available for the law students and are designed to provide such students with knowledge and experience unique to the sector.

C. Aerospace Course Descriptions

LAW 679

U.S. Domestic Space Law (3 hours)

This course covers the most developed body of domestic space law in the world: that of the United States. It addresses the nation's civil and military programs and offers a wide variety of commercial activities: launches, remote sensing, and satellite communications, among others.

LAW 655

Remote Sensing Law (3 hours)

Remote sensing is a valuable technology in science, foreign policy, national security, and commerce. This course provides an overview of international and domestic remote sensing law and identifies issues in the United States and the international community

LAW 680

International Space Law (3 hours)

This course provides an overview of current international space law in U.N. resolutions and treaties and customary law. It identifies legal theory and principles used in the advancement of civil, military, and commercial space activities.

LAW 723

U.S. Aviation Law (3 hours)

This course covers domestic aviation laws, regulations, and policy, and explores all major aspects of aviation law, including, but not limited to, government regulation, liability, aircraft financing, economic regulation of domestic air routes and rates, aviation security, and environmental law.

LAW 724

International Aviation Law (3 hours)

This course covers private and public international aviation law, and the relevant principles of international law that apply to the use of air space, by examining the sources of international air law and the law-making processes affecting the regime of air space and international air transport.

LAW 615 & 715

Individual Study (3 hours)

Legal research and analysis on an aerospace law topic assigned by the faculty, and the preparation of a written article. Prerequisite: permission of the supervising faculty member and the Curriculum Committee of the law faculty.