Graduate Certificate Program Requirements & Admissions

Program Requirements*

- **GPA**: Students must maintain a 3.5 or better.
- **Courses**: Students must complete at least two approved graduate courses to earn a graduate certificate. Currently, approved graduate courses include any course taught by an LSJ faculty member and JSIS 599 (Law, Rights & Governance). One of these courses must be taught in a department other than the graduate student's home department.
- **Participate** in eight LSJ workshare sessions while earning the certificate.
- **Analytic paper**: Students will satisfy the “capstone” requirement by developing an analytic paper that engages the law and society tradition. This paper must be presented at a relevant national conference such as the Law & Society Association meetings or another relevant conference) or in a LSJ workshare.

* For graduate fellows admitted before Autumn 2020 click here to see applicable program requirements.

For a list of approved graduate courses taught during the 2020-21 school year, [click here](https://goo.gl/forms/0PuRiaDuNbSK7jKI3). Independent study courses cannot be substituted for these courses.

Please be aware that per Graduate School Memo #43, the overlap of coursework applied towards your Graduate Program Certificate and your Ph.D. must not exceed 6 credits and is limited to elective coursework in each program.

Application Process

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Students usually apply for the program in their first or second year of their PhD program. [Apply Here](https://lsj.washington.edu/).  

Completion Process

**LSJ Graduate Certificate Completion Form**: Upon completion of these requirements, the student must complete and submit the LSJ Graduate Certificate Completion Form here: [https://goo.gl/forms/0PuRiaDuNbSK7jKI3](https://goo.gl/forms/0PuRiaDuNbSK7jKI3).

Related Files

- [LSJ Graduate Certificate Program Application form](https://lsj.washington.edu/)
- [LSJ Graduate Certificate Program Completion form](https://lsj.washington.edu/)

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