



### SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL

One of the most diverse law schools in the country, Southwestern has an enrollment of 1,000 students in full-time and part-time JD degree courses of study, including the first two-year JD program at an American law school. Masters of Laws (LLM) programs for law graduates are also offered in entertainment law or individualized studies. The school's 10,000 alumni are members of the legal profession in virtually every state and more than a dozen foreign countries and include members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, governors, the longest serving mayor of Los Angeles, over 200 judicial officers, founders of prominent law firms, and general counsels of multinational corporations. Southwestern has been recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for curricular innovation and the focus on professionalism and practical lawyering skills. The law school's campus – a vibrant, student-centered environment – includes the internationally acclaimed art deco Bullocks Wilshire landmark, featuring the second largest academic law library facility in California, and the Julian C. Dixon Courtroom and Advocacy Center, the most technologically advanced center of its kind. Taking advantage of its location in the center of Los Angeles, Southwestern offers one of the largest externship programs in the country and is the home of the Donald E. Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute. Founded in 1911, Southwestern is a nonprofit, nonsectarian independent law school approved by the American Bar Association and a member of the Association of American Law Schools.



### PARDEE RAND GRADUATE SCHOOL

The Pardee RAND Graduate School is unique in American higher education. Founded in 1970 as one of the original eight graduate programs in public policy, PRGS was the only program specializing in the Ph.D. degree. It is also the only one based at a think tank — the RAND Corporation — and is unique in focusing its core curriculum on analytic tools and methodologies including economics, statistics, operations research, and social and behavioral science research methods. As it celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, PRGS has granted 260 public policy Ph.D.s – more than any other institution. PRGS includes students from 28 different nations making up 32% of the student body, and 65% of PRGS students have advanced degrees (including J.D., M.D., M.B.A., M.A., and M.S.) prior to entering the PRGS program. The vast majority of entering students have work experience across a range of fields including government service, nonprofits, engineering and medicine, and go on to be policy developers and leaders at the local, state, national and international levels including at the World Bank, the State Department, USAID, the FBI and the Urban Institute.



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Southwestern Law School is approved by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60610; (312) 988-6738). A nonprofit, nonsectarian educational institution, Southwestern does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, religion, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, or prior military service in connection with admission to the school, or in the administration of any of its educational, employment, financial aid, scholarship, or student activity programs.

The Pardee RAND Graduate School is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and is a founding member of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM). PRGS is co-located in Santa Monica with the RAND Corporation's headquarters. PRGS is committed to providing an environment that is free of discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, marital status, genetic characteristic, or any other legally protected condition or characteristic. Such conduct is in violation of federal and state laws, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. PRGS also prohibits unlawful discrimination on the basis of citizenship. PRGS complies with all RAND policies related to non-discrimination.

## CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS IN LAW AND POLICY

Southwestern Law School and the Pardee RAND Graduate School (PRGS) have established two exciting new certificate programs to provide law students and public policy Ph.D. students the opportunity to complement their degree programs with a unique understanding of the interplay between the law and public policy.

Through these certificate programs, qualified Southwestern students can take courses in public policy at PRGS, leading to a **Certificate in Public Policy**, and qualified students at PRGS can take courses at Southwestern, leading to a **Certificate in Legal Studies**. These are not joint degree programs; instead, they are intended to provide participating students with a basic knowledge of law and public policy and an understanding of the tools and frameworks relevant to each field.

Graduates who hold either the Certificate in Legal Studies or the Certificate in Public Policy will acquire skills and knowledge that should allow them to rise to leadership roles in a number of policy-making and legal organizations including government agencies, nonprofit groups, law firms and private-sector corporations.

**“There are virtually no programs available to meet the needs of policy Ph.D. students who wish to gain substantial exposure to law school course work or law students seeking to gain an understanding of public policy without the requirement of an additional degree. Our new certificate programs provide a very practical solution.”**

— Dean Bryant G. Garth, Southwestern Law School



The certificate programs will be small and highly competitive with approximately two to four students from each school each year. The schools will select candidates for the program from among their student bodies. The hosting school will make final admission decisions, however, students will generally be from the top 20% of their graduate school/law school class at the end of their first year of study.

Southwestern students will have up to two years to complete the policy certificate program, and PRGS students must complete the law certificate program within three years. Southwestern students will be required to demonstrate strong math capability to participate in the PRGS program. Only students enrolled in the certificate programs will be eligible to take courses at the partner institution.

**“Our nation’s public policies are largely contained in legislation and regulations grounded in the law and impact nearly every aspect of the public, commercial and private sectors. Both law and public policy students can therefore benefit tremendously from a more holistic understanding of the interconnectivity of law and public policy.”**

— Dean Susan Marquis, Pardee RAND Graduate School

# PRGS/SOUTHWESTERN CERTIFICATE PROGRAM DETAILS

## QUALIFICATIONS

Students will be selected on a case-by-case basis from the top 20% of their class or cohort. Each school will select their applicants for the appropriate certificate program and the hosting school will then evaluate those applications to determine admissions.

Southwestern students will be eligible to enter the certificate program after completion of their first or second year of law school. To enroll in any quantitative courses at PRGS, students will have to demonstrate competency in math through college transcripts or GRE scores at a level similar to PRGS students. Qualified Southwestern students may be encouraged to attend the PRGS Mathematics for Policy Analysis course (1 PRGS unit, 2 SW units) to maximize the value they obtain from participating in the policy certificate program.

PRGS students may enter the certificate program after completion of their first or second year of the Ph.D. program and must successfully complete their qualifying exams prior to commencing the program.

## ACADEMIC CREDIT

Students will need to complete 12 Southwestern units for the Legal Studies Certificate or 6 PRGS units for the Public Policy Certificate. All students participating in the certificate programs will be required to take a foundational course, History of Contemporary Law and Public Policy, included in the unit count for both certificates (1 PRGS unit, 2 SW units). This course, as well as two others (in most cases), will also count toward the students' degrees at their home institutions. Southwestern students will also be required to take the introductory course, Perspectives on Public Policy Analysis (1 PRGS unit, 2 SW units). The remaining required units will be electives that will count only toward the certificate.



All approved units taken at one school will transfer to the other school as credit/no credit using the equivalencies in the table below. Students must earn a grade of C+ or better to earn course credit. All units successfully completed as part of this program will appear on the student's transcript along with the notation that the student has successfully completed all the requirements for the certificate. Southwestern students must complete the certificate program requirements within two years. PRGS students must complete the certificate program requirements within three years. Other than Perspectives on Public Policy Analysis and Mathematics for Policy Analysis, students may take required and elective courses at their own pace and in order of preference or convenience.

## CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Program	Required Credit for Certificate	Credit Counting Toward Degree
PUBLIC POLICY CERTIFICATE	6 units at PRGS (6-12 classes at 0.5-1 unit each)*	3 PRGS units may be counted toward the Southwestern J.D. degree.*
LEGAL STUDIES CERTIFICATE	12 units at Southwestern (2-8 classes at 1-4 units each)*	6 Southwestern units may be counted toward the PRGS Ph.D. degree*

\* The units for the required foundational course are included in the counts above.

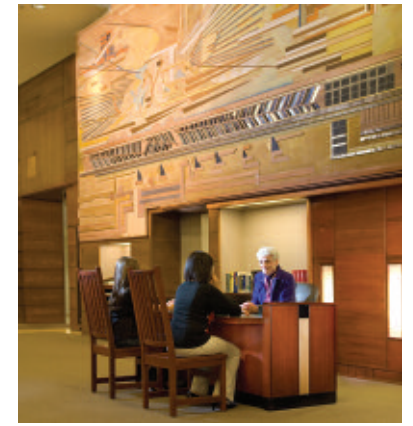
Unit Conversion (SW = PRGS)

1.0 = 0.5	2.0 = 1.0	3.0 = 1.5	4.0 = 2.0
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## CURRICULUM

Students accepted into the certificate program may choose from a wide variety of courses eligible for credit at both schools, such as Principles in Client-Oriented Policy Analysis, Organizational Culture of Government Institutions, and Cost Benefit and Cost Effectiveness Analysis (PRGS courses), and Children and the Law, Environmental Law, and International Dispute Resolution (Southwestern courses).

A complete list of courses eligible for credit as part of the certificate programs are available at [www.swlaw.edu/prgscertificate](http://www.swlaw.edu/prgscertificate) and <http://legalstudies.prgs.edu>.



## APPLICATION PROCESS

The certificate programs are only open to current Southwestern and PRGS students. Students interested in admission to the Southwestern-PRGS Certificate Programs must complete an application form and submit it along with the following materials:

- A current resume;
- One letter of recommendation from a Southwestern or PRGS professor addressing the student's interest in and fitness for the Certificate in Legal Studies (for PRGS applicants) or the Certificate in Public Policy (for Southwestern applicants);
- An essay on the applicant's motivation and qualifications for pursuing the certificate;

The original file submitted by the applicant for admission to the Southwestern J.D. or the PRGS Ph.D. will be reviewed by each institution.

The Certificate Programs' application form is available at [www.swlaw.edu/prgscertificate](http://www.swlaw.edu/prgscertificate) and at <http://legalstudies.prgs.edu>.

## Application Deadline: April 15

Applicants should submit the required materials to the representative at their current school (see back panel). Applicants will be notified of their admission status by early July.

## TUITION AND ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Students accepted into the certificate program will pay no additional tuition to the partner institution provided that they complete the certificate requirements concurrent with earning their J.D. or Ph.D. degree.

PRGS is on the quarter system. Fall quarter runs late September to mid-December; winter quarter runs early January to mid-March; spring quarter runs early April to mid-June. No classes are offered in the summer, although Math for Policy Analysis is offered two-weeks prior to the start of the fall quarter.

Southwestern is on the semester system and includes summer courses. The fall semester runs mid-August to mid-December; the spring semester runs early January to mid-May; and the summer semester runs from early June to late July.

