



School of Law
Office of the Registrar

University of San Francisco School of Law

Fall 2026 & Spring 2027 Graduates Only

APPLICATION FOR ANIMAL LAW CERTIFICATE

Priority Deadline: Monday, September 14, 2026 (December grads must submit by this date)

For Spring/Summer grads, submission by the priority deadline allows for a certificate-eligibility audit prior to registration for spring.

Last Day to Submit Applications: Monday, February 1, 2027.

I expect to graduate and am applying to receive the Animal Law Certificate. I have read and understand the Program requirements found on the law school's website at: [Animal Law Certificate Information Page](#) and further understand and acknowledge that award of the Certificate is conditional upon meeting those requirements.

Name:

USF ID:

Signature:

Date:

COURSES & PROCEDURE:

COURSES: To earn an Animal Law Certificate, a student must complete:

- 1) at least 9 units of approved course work in the subject area. The coursework must include the two required courses. Any remaining units (to reach the minimum 9 units) must be completed by taking courses from the approved animal law elective courses.
- 2) a practicum requirement related to animal law
- 3) an Upper-Level Research and Writing Requirement analyzing an issue related to animal law.

All course work for the certificate must be taken for a letter grade except for any approved elective course in which credit/no credit grading is mandatory. For any course in which a letter grade is not provided, a "credit" must be achieved in order for the course to be applied to meet the certificate requirements. Students must achieve a grade of C+ or higher in each letter-graded course applied to the certificate and achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.70 or higher for all courses applied to the certificate. A student achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher for all courses applied to meet the requirements of the certificate is awarded the certificate with honors.

Procedure: Indicate the letter grade and units received in the courses (below) that you wish to apply to the Certificate. Indicate "in progress" by marking "IP" for courses being taken during the current semester. **(If you indicate more than the required units of coursework, the Registrar's Office will choose courses with the highest grades to count toward the certificate.)**

Note: the curriculum is subject to change and not all courses are offered every year.

Required Courses:

Term	Grade	Units	Reg	Course	Term	Grade	Units	Reg	Course
				Animal Law					Animals & Justice Seminar

Elective Courses:

Term	Grade	Units	Reg	Course	Term	Grade	Units	Reg	Course
				Administrative Law					First Amendment Sem: Contemporary Issues
				Animal Law & Policy: Contemporary Issues					International Human Rights Law
				Environmental Law					Jurisprudence
				Federal Courts Seminar					

Name: _____

USF ID Number: _____

PRACTICUM REQUIREMENT

To earn an Animal Law Certificate, a student must participate in an externship focused on animal law. Students can extern at public interest organizations, in private firms, or in government agencies.

Practicum Requirement: Please fill out the grade, year, semester and units for the component you completed										
Term	Grade	Units	Reg	Course	Term	Grade	Units	Reg	Course	
				Externship		n/a	n/a	n/a	Paid Position (<i>see below</i>)	
If completing the practicum requirement with a minimum of 141 hours of supervised legal work through a paid position, please complete the information below.										
Organization:								Dates:		
Address:								Total # Hours:		
Supervisor:							Title:			
Email:							Phone:			
Types of Assignments:										

UPPER-LEVEL WRITING REQUIREMENT FOR THE ANIMAL LAW CERTIFICATE

To earn the certificate, a student must complete a substantial research paper analyzing an issue relevant to animal law. The paper must demonstrate the ability to identify, describe and analyze the subject matter and should, where possible, propose a resolution.

The paper must meet the standards for an Upper-Level Research and Writing Requirement project and also satisfies this graduation requirement. It may also satisfy the requirements of a course taken (sort by "Certificate" and "Writing Req't" on the course schedule for acceptable courses) or a Directed Research (*see Registrar's Office*).

Title: _____

Supervising Professor: _____

Semester Completed: _____

TO APPLY FOR THE CERTIFICATE, YOU MUST:

- Submit this completed application to the Law Registrar's Office by your second to last semester.
- Submit a writing requirement enrollment form by the last day to add classes for the semester the writing requirement is being completed. *The "Certificate" box on the form must be checked.*

Law Registrar Staff Only					
First Audit Date: _____	Writ Req Status: _____	Final Audit Date: _____			
Grades Verified: _____ Units: _____	IP as of: _____	GPA: _____ Units: _____			
On Track: _____ Date Notified: _____	Practicum Verified: _____	Receiving Cert: _____ Honors: _____			