

CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS LAW

Certificate Requirements

1. Course Requirements

The certificate requires a total of 24 credit hours of business-related courses, including the legal writing and experiential requirements described below.

The three courses listed in Section I of the Appendix are required for the certificate. In addition, students must take at least two Core Courses listed in Section II of the Appendix. The remaining hours must be taken from Sections II or III of the Appendix.

A student may not take any course fulfilling the requirements of the Certificate on a pass/fail basis. This requirement will not apply to students who took courses pass/fail before the Spring 2012 semester.

2. Legal Writing Requirement

The student must fulfill a legal writing requirement related to business law, which may be satisfied in one of the following ways:

- (a) a “tethered” Business Organization/Legal Writing III class; this course will not be offered until Fall 2012.
- (b) a business-related Legal Writing IV class;
- (c) a law review or journal note related to a business topic;*
- (d) an independent study where the student writes a paper on a business law topic;*
- (e) a business-related seminar in which the student writes a paper.*

*The professor supervising an independent study, law review/journal note, or seminar paper must certify to the director that the topic was business law related.

3. Experiential Requirement

The student must fulfill an experiential requirement, which may be satisfied by taking either Business Entity Formation, Business Transactions, or engaging in an externship or internship relating to the practice of business law. The program director will determine whether an externship or internship fulfills this experiential requirement. The director may also waive this requirement if the student has business law related work experience.

Appendix

Section I. Required Courses

Business Organizations; Personal Income Tax; Securities Regulation

Section II. Core Courses (at least two of the following courses must be taken)

Antitrust; Bankruptcy; Business Transactions or Business Entity Formation; Commercial Law; Secured Transactions; Corporate Finance; Taxation of Business Enterprises

Section III. Additional Courses

The remainder of the 24 credit hours must be fulfilled by taking any Core Course not otherwise taken to fulfill the Core Course Requirement or any of the following courses.

General Business

Accounting/Finance for Lawyers
Advanced Property: Real Estate Finance and Transfers or Law Advanced Property: Real Estate Transactions
Business Planning
Business Valuation and Financial Statements
Business Legislation Practice
Business Planning for Closely-Held Companies and Entrepreneurs
E-Commerce
Mergers and Acquisitions
Nonprofit Law
Real Estate Fundamentals and Syndications

Taxation

Advanced Tax Transactions
Advising Clients on Tax Matters
Federal Transfer Taxes
Tax & Budget Policy
Tax Procedure
Tax Planning for International Business
Tax Fraud

Commercial Law

Advanced Bankruptcy: Corporate Reorganizations
Commercial Law: Survey
Commercial Real Estate Transactions
Commercial Law: Payment Systems
Construction Law

International Law

International Capital Markets
International Trade
International Business Transactions
Multinational Business Bankruptcy and Reorganization or International Bankruptcy Law

Employment Law

Employment Relationships

Regulatory Law

Banking Law
Commodities and Derivatives Regulation
Compliance in Financial Institutions
Futures Regulations

Seminars

Antitrust and Intellectual Property
Comparative Competition Law
International and Comparative Antitrust
Investment Funds
Tax Policy
The Corporation and the Constitution