

Business Law Certificate Program Requirements

Overview

The Business Law Certificate Program offers students the opportunity to earn a certificate notation on their transcript signifying both substantive concentration in business law - through course work and directed research - as well as a high level of performance in the subject area.

General Requirements

In order to complete the Business Law Certificate Program and have a notation to that effect placed upon the transcript, the student must satisfy the following requirements.

1. *Students generally must apply to the Business Law Certificate Program during the 2L year by submitting the Intent to Complete Form to the Program Advisor.*
2. *The student must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average in the required and elective courses (calculated together) designated as satisfying the requirements below.¹*
3. *The student must complete a substantial written work on a topic related to business law. This requirement may be satisfied by:*
 - i. a paper written as a supervised independent research project (7001);
 - ii. a paper written to satisfy a requirement of any course; or
 - iii. a paper written to satisfy a law journal writing requirement.

The paper designated as satisfying this requirement must be a minimum of 25 text pages in length (not counting front matter, bibliography, etc.), double-spaced and in 12-point font with one-inch margins. This requirement may be satisfied by the same work satisfying the Advanced Writing Requirement.

Course Requirements

1. *Required courses include:*
 - Business Entities (6435);
 - Commercial Law (6420);
 - Income Taxation (6434); and

¹ Although courses from other institutions may, under certain circumstances, count toward a given requirement, only those grades appearing on a Texas Tech University transcript will count toward the required minimum grade point average.

- One of the following courses providing background in basic principles of accounting and finance:
 - i. Accounting for Lawyers (6018);
 - ii. Business Analysis for Lawyers (6308);
 - iii. Financial and Managerial Accounting (Rawls, ACCT 5301);² or
 - iv. with the approval of the Program Advisor, another course or prior experience providing background in basic principles of accounting and finance.

- 2. *In addition to the required courses, the student must complete another 10 credits and 4 elective courses, of which at least 5 credits and 2 courses must be selected from the "core electives" listed below (and the remainder of which may be selected from either the "core electives" or the "specialty electives" listed below). Students may of course exceed these requirements, and are encouraged to do so. In selecting elective courses, students are strongly advised to speak with their assigned Associated Faculty Advisor or the Program Advisor.*

Core elective courses include:

- Advanced Bankruptcy Law (6087)
- Advanced Business Entities (6098)
- Advanced Commercial Law (6230)
- Advanced Income Tax (6041)
- Banking Law (6317)
- Business Analysis for Lawyers (6308)
- Business Torts (6052)
- Consumer Law (6226)
- Corporate Governance (6356)
- Corporate Taxation (6309)
- Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy (6001)
- Federal Corporation Law (6256)
- International Business Transactions (6306)
- International Petroleum Transactions (6235)

² This course has replaced a prior version of the course designated ACCT 5401 in Rawls' curriculum. However, those JD/MBA students who took ACCT 5401 prior to the curricular change will nevertheless be deemed to have satisfied this requirement of the Business Law Certificate Program.

- Mergers & Acquisitions (6053)
- NAFTA (6325)
- Partnership Taxation (6313)
- Problems in Small Business (6240)
- Real Property Finance and Transactions (6304)
- Securities Regulation (6028)
- Taxation of International Transactions (6012)
- Transactional Practice (6016)

Specialty elective courses include:

- Commercial Litigation (6218)
- Copyright Law (6063)
- Discrimination in Employment (6065)
- Employment Law (6071)
- Entertainment Law (6217)
- Environmental Law (6327)
- Estate & Gift Taxation (6019)
- High Technology Law (6234)
- Insurance Law (6009)
- International Economic Regimes (6260)
- International Environmental Law (6322)
- Introduction to Intellectual Property (6231)
- Labor Law (6042)
- Law Office Management (6243)
- Legal Malpractice (6058)
- Negotiation Workshop (6297)
- Non-Profit Organizations (6312)
- Oil and Gas (6311)
- Operations Management & Management Science (Rawls, ISQS 5343)
- Patent Law (6294)

- Products Liability (6276)
- Sports Law (6255)
- State and Local Taxation (6049)
- Strategic and Global Management (Rawls, MGT 5391)
- Telecommunications Law and Policy (6014)
- Water Quality and Pollution Law (6273)
- White-Collar Crime (6257)

Associated Faculty Advisor

Each student will be assigned an Associated Faculty Advisor after the student submits the Intent to Complete Form for the Business Law Certificate Program. Reassignments may be made upon request of the student or the Associated Faculty Advisor after consultation.

Courses

The Program Advisor may add to the lists of required and elective courses any relevant new courses that become available after the approval of this program, and likewise may remove courses. If any course is removed, those students who received credit for the course while it was still in the program may count the course toward completion of the program requirements.

Unforeseen/Exigent Circumstances

The Program Advisor may modify, waive or reconfigure the requirements described above where necessary to promote equity and fairness in the event of unforeseen complications or exigent circumstances.

Awarding of Certificate Notation on Transcript

Upon completion of all program requirements described above, a certificate notation will be placed upon the student's transcript. It is the student's responsibility to complete and submit to the Program Advisor the Requirements Summary Form, reflecting satisfaction of each of the program requirements. The Program Advisor must certify that a student has met the requirements described above before such notation may be made.

Administration

Associated Faculty Advisors may be added by the Program Advisor at any time. The program is administered by Professors Genevieve Beyea and Michelle Kwon, who each serve as a Program Advisor. Professors Hatfield and Pawlowic serve as Associated Faculty Advisors.

***Intent to Complete: Business Law
Certificate Program***

SS#: _____

Date submitted: _____

Name:

Last First

Mailing address: _____

Street

City

State ZIP

Email address: _____ **Current cumulative GPA:** _____

Has any form of academic disciplinary action been taken against you, or any form of academic sanction been imposed upon you, at TTU School of Law?

yes no (If yes, please attach a brief explanation.)

Indicate the course you anticipate using to meet the writing requirement (and semester of completion):

Please complete a projected schedule for completion of the program below.

(The projected schedule is intended to assist in designing your program of study, and in planning for course scheduling. This is only a projection, and you remain free to change it.)

Summer: _____

2L first semester

2L second semester

Summer: _____

3L first semester

3L second semester

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Signature

Date

***Requirements Summary:
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Required Courses

Course	Semester	Grade
Business Entities		
Commercial Law		
Income Taxation		

(fill in accounting/finance course)

Elective Courses

Course	Semester	Grade	Credits	Core?
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Written Work Requirement

Course/research project: _____

Title of work:

Supervisor: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Length:** _____

Signature

Date