

# Certificate in Business Law

This page describes the requirements to obtain a certificate in Business Law and provides links to the documents that must be submitted to the Registrar's Office by February 1st for a May graduation date or October 31st for a January graduation date.

Please also visit the **Business Law** program page for general information about Business Law at Lewis & Clark Law School.

## Documents:

### **Application**

## Certificate in Business Law

The Certificate in Business Law (the "Certificate"), which will be awarded to qualified Lewis & Clark Law School students at graduation, recognizes successful concentration within the Business Law curriculum. A student who satisfies the requirements for the Certificate will be entitled to a certificate denominated "Certificate in Business Law." Students who believe that they will fulfill the requirements must complete an application that is available from the Registrar in order to be awarded a certificate.

Students qualify for the Certificate by satisfying the course, paper, and grade point average requirements set forth below.

## A. Course Requirements

### Core Requirement

Students pursuing the Certificate must take **113 Business Associations I**.

### Foundational Courses

Students must also take three classes from the following list:

- **213 Business Associations II**
- **226 Income Tax II**
- **368 Intellectual Property Law Survey**

- **131 Employment Law I**
- **108 Secured Transactions**

### Electives

Students must earn five additional credits in courses within the Business Law curriculum or business-related externships or clinics. Such elective credits may be earned in any of the foundational courses listed above that are not used to satisfy the foundational course requirement, or in any of the following additional courses or clinics:

- **109 Advanced Contracts: Commercial Transactions**
- **106 Advanced Contracts: Sales & Leases**
- **227 Advanced Corporate Tax**
- **229 Advanced Partnership Tax**
- **793 Advanced Small Business Legal Clinic**
- **307 Advanced Tax**
- **450 Alternative Dispute Resolutions**
- **104 Antitrust Law**
- **441 Aviation Law**
- **116 Bankruptcy & Debtor/Creditor Law**
- **152 Business Law: Lawyering & Ethics**
- **413 Cannabis Law & Policy**
- **328 Consumer Financial Law & Regulation**
- **326 Consumer Protection Litigation**
- **321 Contract Drafting**
- **331 Copyright Law**
- **337 Copyright Law in Practice**
- **347 Data Privacy & Security Compliance**
- **376 Employee Benefits Law**

- **338 Employment Discrimination**
- **345 Entertainment Law**
- **325 Entrepreneurship & Business Principles**
- **508 Epic Corporate Scandals**
- **346 Estate & Gift Tax**
- **348 Estate Planning**
- **358 Federal Tax Procedure**
- **415 Food Law**
- **560 Health Law & Policy**
- **423 Information Privacy Law**
- **366 Insurance Law**
- **333 Intellectual Property: Advanced Topics**
- **370 International Business Transactions**
- **543 International Dispute Resolution**
- **388 International Investment Law**
- **576 International Tax**
- **531 International Trade Law and Environment**
- **375 Labor Law and Statutory Employment Law**
- **540 Law & Economics**
- **572 Law of Global Labor Markets**
- **497 Law Practice Management**
- **738 Moot Court: ABA Tax**
- **739 Moot Court: ABA Tax National**
- **501 Nonprofit Law**
- **416 Patent Law & Policy**
- **419 Patent Litigation**

- **455 Patent Prosecution**
- **136 Property Transactions**
- **453 Public Health Law and Policy**
- **422 Securities Regulation**
- **792 Small Business Legal Clinic**
- **792 Small Business Legal Clinic: Patents**
- **426 Sports Law**
- **503 Sustainability in Law & Business**
- **704 Tax Clinic**
- **705 Tax Clinic: Advanced**
- **397 Technology Transfer & Licensing**
- **546 Telecommunications Law**
- **432 Trademark & Unfair Competition Law**
- **146 Wills & Trusts**
- **440 Workers' Compensation**

Please note that curricular offerings and titles may change from time to time and the fact that a class is listed above does not necessarily mean that it will be offered during the period when the student is pursuing the Certificate. Classes not on the list may be deemed to count as an elective for the Certificate *in the discretion of the Certificate Administrator*. In exceptional cases a combination of Business Law courses or a combination of Business Law coursework and externship experience in the field of a foundational course may be deemed to take the place of a foundational course, *in the discretion of the Certificate Administrator*, provided there is no double counting toward Certificate requirements. Students should seek approval in advance of registering for any course or combination of courses that do not automatically satisfy Certificate requirements, to ensure that the course or courses will qualify.

**Externships:** Students may satisfy two of the five elective credits required for the Certificate by the use of credits earned through an externship involving a substantial Business Law element, *with the approval of the Certificate Administrator*.

**Transfer Credits:** Course credit may also be allowed, *with the approval of the Certificate Administrator*, for one course, of up to three units of credit, taken at another law school. In that event, only the credit earned for that course will be applied to the Certificate; the grade earned for the course will not be counted in determining the student's GPA for the Certificate.

**Ungraded Courses:** With the exception of externship credits, and *unless approved by the Certificate Administrator*, no more than four units of credit (including units transferred from another law school) used to qualify for the Certificate may be taken on a credit/no credit basis.

**Dual Certificates:** Students may not use credits from a class toward satisfaction of the Certificate requirements if they are using those credits toward satisfaction of the requirements for another certificate at Lewis & Clark. In no event may students earn a Business Law Certificate and a certificate in Federal Tax Law, Intellectual Property Law, or Energy, Innovation and Sustainability. A student whose course and paper selections qualify for the Business Law Certificate and a certificate in Federal Tax Law, Intellectual Property Law, or Energy, Innovation and Sustainability must elect one of those certificates only.

## **B. Writing Requirement**

Students must complete one substantial research paper exclusively on one or more topics relating to Business Law. To qualify, the paper must be a significant written product that demonstrates thorough research, the ability to synthesize and report on that research, the ability to engage in complex legal and critical analysis, and sophisticated writing skills. It must also be one of the following: (a) a paper written to fulfill course requirements in a class approved for the Certificate, (b) an Individual Research paper, for a minimum of two semester hours, or (c) a paper written to fulfill course requirements in a course not specifically approved for the Certificate. Students who plan to fulfill the writing requirement with options (b) or (c) *must have the approval of the Certificate Administrator*. When the approval of the Certificate Administrator will be needed it is highly recommended that such approval be sought before writing the paper. Papers not written for graded credit do not satisfy this requirement.

## **C. Grade Point Requirement**

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of B (3.00) or better in classes taken and selected as qualifying for the Certificate. No credits transferred from another law school and accepted for use toward a Certificate,

or credits for a class taken on a credit/no credit basis and approved by the Certificate Administrator, will be used in computing the grade point average.