

Berkeley Law LL.M. Business Law Certificate

The Business Law LL.M. Certificate Program allows LL.M. students to receive recognition for successful completion of a course of study to prepare for professional practice as legal advisors to businesses, to business-oriented NGOs, and to government entities. The curricular program requires students to develop a background in fundamental areas of business law. Students completing the program will have breadth, expertise and a foundation for professional practice.

Students who meet the following requirements will be awarded an LL.M. Certificate of Specialization in Business Law at graduation.

1. Completion of the foundational **250 Business Associations** course (generally offered each semester)
2. Completion of **three** of the following four additional **core courses** (offered at least once each academic year):
 - 252.2 Antitrust
 - 251.5 Corporate Finance and Law
 - 255.5 Securities Regulation
 - 259A Income Tax I
3. Completion of at least **one additional course** from among the **core courses** listed above or the following **electives** (not all electives are offered every year):
 - 256.6F Bankruptcy
 - 256.80 Commercial Transactions - Sales (Article 2)
 - 244.1 Complex Civil Litigation
 - 257.64 Corporate Governance
 - 258.7 Corporate Tax
 - 250B Corporations II
 - 261.1 International Business Transactions
 - 248.7 Fundamentals of Leveraged Buyouts
 - 257.4 Business and Legal Issues in Real Estate Development
 - 258.5 Partnership Tax
 - 253.2 Partnerships & LLCs
 - 256.9 Secured Transactions (Art. 9)
 - 247.1 Capital Markets and Financial Institutions
 - 257.7 Constructing the Corporate Deal
 - Other appropriate courses, with prior approval of the Certificate Administrator
4. Completion of a research paper on a business or tax law topic. The paper requirement can be fulfilled by completing a seminar paper of 20 pages or more in one of the electives listed above, or as an independent study (Law 299), or through the “business law topic” option in 206.4 Legal Writing and Research for LL.M. Students.

