

J.D. Business Law Certificate 2014-2015

The Business Law J.D. Certificate Program allows J.D. students to receive recognition for successful completion of a rigorous course of study and advanced training in preparation for professional practice as legal advisors to businesses, to business-oriented NGOs, and to government entities. The curricular program requires students to develop a broad background in fundamental areas of law while also receiving advanced training in business practice and skills. Students completing the program will have breadth, expertise and preparation for future growth. Students are allowed (but are not required) to exercise some freedom in focusing their training on either the “transaction” or “litigation” concentrations within business law. The following are the requirements for the J.D. Business Law Certificate.

1. Completion of the following **five core courses**:

- 250 Business Associations (offered each semester 2014-15)
- 252.2 Antitrust (offered each semester 2014-15)
- 259A Income Tax I (offered each semester 2014-15)
- 255.5 Securities Regulation (offered each semester 2014-15)
- Accounting: One of the following courses:
 - 249 Introduction to Accounting and Finance (Spring 2015)
 - 253.1 Essential Principles of Accounting and Finance in Business Litigation (Fall 2014)

Students who can demonstrate a proficiency in Accounting, for example through undergraduate studies or work experience, may petition the Certificate Administrator to substitute a fifth elective for the required accounting course.

2. Completion of at least **four additional courses** (aggregating to at least 8 additional units) from the following **advanced electives** (*NOTE*: some electives may be added; if there is insufficient enrollment, an elective may be dropped):

- 227.21 Employment Law (Fall 2014)
- 244.1 Complex Civil Litigation (Spring 2015)
- 247.1 Regulation of Capital Markets and Financial Institutions (Not offered 2014-15)
- 248.5 Mergers & Acquisitions (Fall 2014)
- 248.7 Fundamentals of Leveraged Buyouts (Fall 2014)
- 249.3 New Venture Finance (Fall 2014)
- 251.31 Introduction to Law, Economics & Business (Not offered 2014-15)
- 251.5 Corporate Finance and Law (Spring 2015)
- 253.2 Partnerships and LLC's (Spring 2015)
- 255 Business Law Seminar: Venture Capital and IPO Law (Spring 2015)
- 256.6F Bankruptcy Law (Fall 2014)
- 256.9 Secured Transactions, Art. 9 (Spring 2015)
- 257.4 Land Development and Investment: The Art of the Deal (Spring 2015)
- 258.5 Partnership Tax (Spring 2015)
- 258.7 Corporate Tax (Spring 2015)
- 261.1 International Business Transactions (Fall 2014)
- 261.2 International Commercial Arbitration (Fall 2014)
- 270.65 Energy Project Development & Finance (Fall 2014)
- 272.75 Real World M&A (tent. Spring 2015)
- TBD380 Shareholder Activism (Spring 2015)

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One of the advanced electives may be satisfied by a **skills course**, with prior approval of the Certificate Administrator – examples of skills courses that have been approved include:

- 245.9 International Business Negotiations (Fall 2014)
- 256.8 Transactional Drafting Seminar (Fall 2014)
- 256.12 New Business Counseling Practicum (offered each semester 2014-15)
- 285.9 Samuelson Clinic Seminar (offered each semester 2014-15)

In special circumstances, other courses may be substituted for an elective, with prior approval of the Certificate Administrator. For example, such a course might be a business, economics, or science/engineering course of particular interest to a candidate who can demonstrate the relevance of the course to his or her preparation for professional practice.

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