

Program Change Request

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Program Status	Active		
Academic Level	Law		
Type of proposal	Certificate		
Select a reason for this modification			
Making Minor Changes to an Existing Degree (e.g. changing 15 or fewer hours, changing admission/graduation requirements, adding Focused Study)			
Effective Catalog Year	Fall 2019		
College/School Code	School of Law(LAWW)		
Department Code	Department of Law(LAWD)		
Program Code	BLAWGC		
Degree	Graduate Certificate		
CIP Code			

In Workflow

1. **LAWW Dean Initial**
2. **Director of Program Assessment and Review**
3. **Registrar Initial**
4. **Institutional Research**
5. **LAWD Chair**
6. **LAWW Dean**
7. **Global Campus**
8. **Provost Review**
9. **University Course and Program Committee**
10. Faculty Senate
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Approval Path

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2. 08/06/18 1:51 pm
Alice Griffin
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Assessment and
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3. 08/08/18 3:44 pm
Lisa Kulczak
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for Registrar Initial
4. 08/08/18 3:52 pm
Gary Gunderman
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5. 08/09/18 10:44 am
Will Foster
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for LAWD Chair
6. 08/09/18 10:45 am
Will Foster
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for LAWW Dean
7. 08/09/18 2:48 pm
Kiersten Bible
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8. 08/15/18 9:48 am
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History

1. May 22, 2015 by
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3. Aug 13, 2015 by
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4. Aug 14, 2015 by Lisa
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5. May 17, 2016 by
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6. Jun 28, 2016 by
Charlie Alison
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7. May 23, 2018 by
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Program Title

Business Law Certificate

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary?

No

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

No

What are the total 18
hours needed to
complete the
program?

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

Admission requirements: The student must satisfy one of the following requirements: (1) be currently enrolled in the J.D. program at the School of Law or be admitted as a visiting J.D. student at the School of Law; (2) hold a J.D. degree from an accredited law school; (3) be enrolled in the LL.M. program at the School of Law; or (4) be admitted by the Associate Dean or that dean's designee (hereinafter the "Associate Dean") as otherwise qualified to complete the certificate requirements successfully. The Associate Dean may limit the number of students eligible to pursue the certificate at any one time.

Course requirements:

(a) Foundational Business Law Courses

It is assumed that all students seeking the certificate will enter the program having already successfully completed, as part of their J.D. degree program or other qualifying studies, the following foundational

business law courses (or equivalent):

LAWW 4024 Contracts

LAWW 4294 Business Organizations

LAWW 6233 Federal Income Tax of Individuals

(b) Required Course Categories

In addition to completing all Foundational Business Law Courses, in order to be eligible for the Business Law Certificate a student must successfully complete at least 18 credit hours of business law coursework, including at least one course from each of the following three categories: (Note: ULW approved three courses are Business Drafting, Contract Drafting, and Corporate Practice).

(1) Business Drafting Courses:

LAWW 406V Upper Level Writing

1-
3

~~LAWW 602V Independent Legal Research (An independent research project on a business law topic approved in advance by the associate dean for academic affairs or that dean's designee. 2 hours)~~

LAWW 4182 Upper Level Writing - Business Drafting

2

(2) Experiential Learning Business Courses:

LAWW 5213 Business Lawyering Skills

3

~~LAWW 648V Special Topics (Skills) (Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiating)~~

LAWW 686V Corporate Counsel Externships

1-
4

(3) Public Company Courses:

~~Extracurricular Course of Study~~

LAWW 5662 Mergers and Acquisitions

2

~~LAWW 5133 Real Estate Transactions~~

LAWW 629V Public Corporations

2-
3

~~LAWW 599V Debtor-Creditor Relations (3 or 4 hours)~~

LAWW 536V Securities Regulation

2-
3

Category B Electives

Select from the following to count toward the 9 credits of elective business law programming:

~~LAWW 5163 Administrative Law~~

(c) Business Electives

The following courses will count toward the 18 credit hours of business law coursework needed to complete the Business Law Certificate:

LAWW 6133 Antitrust Law

3

~~LAWW 6613 Bankruptcy~~

LAWW 760V Bankruptcy - Business Reorganizations

2-
3

LAWW 6253	Federal Income Taxation of Business Entities	3
LAWW 5391	Effective Corporate Compliance Program	1
LAWW 6393	Legal Clinic: Transactional	3
	LAWW-5313 Payment Systems	
	LAWW-500V Special Topics (Nonprofit Corporations—2-3 hours)	
	LAWW-5303 International and Domestic Sales and Leasing Transnational Negotiations—2 hours	
	LAWW-6192 Workers' Compensation	
	LAWW-6193 Workplace Legislation	
LAWW 7302	Course LAWV 7302 Not Found	
LAWW 5673	Nonprofit Organizations	3
LAWW 500V	Special Topics	1- 18
	LAWW-6523 Employment Law	
	LAWW-6913 Environmental Law	
	LAWW-633V Intellectual Property (2-3 hours)	
	LAWW-500V Special Topics (International Ag Trade Law—3 hours)	
	LAWW-5513 Labor Law	

Special Topics **LAWW 500V** Corporate Counsel Colloquium, Corporate Finance, and Representing Startups.

Any courses listed in the Experiential Business, Business Drafting, or Public Company Course categories listed (b)(1), (b)(2), or (b)(3) above.

(d) Extracurricular Course of Study

Students must attend at least 250 minutes of extracurricular programming sponsored by the business law society or approved in advance by the Associate Dean.

Substitutions

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~~LAWW-4442 Law & Accounting~~

Other requirements:

J.D. candidates

Our J.D. students must declare their intention to complete the program before the final semester of their J.D. studies by notifying the Associate Dean. The student must have a cumulative law school GPA of at least 2.75 and a GPA of 3.0 or above in certificate courses at the time he or she declares. In order to receive the certificate upon graduation, the student must successfully complete the required courses, earn a GPA of at least 3.2 in certificate courses, and have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above.

J.D. visitors

Those currently earning a J.D. at another ABA accredited law school but visiting here may earn the business law certificate. They must apply to the Associate Dean before their final semester of J.D. studies. These students can satisfy certificate course credits with courses taken at their own law school, but must take at least 12 credits in certificate courses here, and they must complete the corporate counsel externship program or other approved experiential capstone course here.

A visiting J.D. student must have a cumulative law school GPA of at least 2.75 and a GPA of 3.0 or above in certificate courses at the time he or she applies for the certificate program. In order to receive the certificate upon graduation, the student must successfully complete the required courses and earn a GPA of 3.2 or above in certificate courses, and have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above.

Post-J.D. candidates

Those who have already earned a J.D. degree from an accredited law school in the United States may also earn a certificate. They must apply to the Associate Dean before commencing the program.

For the purposes of this program, post-J.D. candidates can determine their GPA within the program based in part on courses completed elsewhere. All post-J.D. candidates must fulfill the requirements listed in §5-1505 of the Faculty Policies Manual, at least 12 credits of which must be taken here, and they must complete the corporate counsel externship program or other approved experiential capstone course here.

Post-J.D. candidates must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 from the school that conferred their law degree. To complete the program, they must earn a GPA of 3.2 or above in certificate courses.

LL.M. candidates

Our LL.M. candidates must notify the Associate Dean one month before enrollment in the LL.M. program of their intention to complete the program and must have the approval of the director of the LL.M. program.

For the purposes of this program, LL.M. candidates can determine their GPA within the program based in part on courses completed elsewhere. LL.M. candidates must satisfy all the required courses, at least 12 credits of which must be taken here, and must take the corporate counsel externship or other approved experiential capstone course here.

To declare, an LL.M. candidate must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 from the school that conferred their law degree. To complete the program, they must earn a GPA of at least 3.2 in certificate courses and have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above.

General Requirements (Non-J.D./Non-LL.M. Candidates)

Post-baccalaureate students who are not enrolled as J.D. or LL.M. students at the law school (and do not have a J.D. degree) may also earn a certificate. They must apply to the Associate Dean before commencing the program. If they have taken at least 12 credits of the required certificate courses at another ABA-accredited law school, their GPA in those courses must be at least 3.0 to apply. If they have not, their undergraduate cumulative GPA must be at least 3.5. For the purposes of this program, these students can determine their GPA within the program based in part on courses completed elsewhere.

To earn the certificate, these students must complete all the required courses, at least 12 credits of which must be taken here, and they must complete the approved experiential capstone course here. To complete the program, they must also earn a GPA of 3.2 or above in certificate courses.

Learning Objectives

Students who successfully complete the requirements for the Business Law Certificate will: (1) demonstrate proficiency in explaining and analyzing the legal and regulatory implications of common business matters (2) be able to draft documents relevant to typical business formations and basic transactions and (3) demonstrate an understanding of the role of counsel to businesses, business owners, or business management, as well as an appreciation of the ethical implications of representing each discrete group.

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student 10-15

Demand for Program

Scheduled Program 2022-2023

Review Date

Program Goals and Objectives

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The program will prepare qualified JD degree and post-JD candidates for a wide variety of business and transactional law practices and, for non-law students, it will help provide a strong foundation for legal aspects of the business environment.

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Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
Added learning objectives. Added/updated categories and text in (b) and (c). Added/deleted appropriate courses in (b)(1), (b)(2) and (b)(3). Updated text in (d) and (e). Law 7302 submitted request for this course changed to 2-3 variable credit.	Reorganization to more accurately reflect current offerings and curriculum change in the J.D. program.

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Reviewer Comments

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