

APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS LAW CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Priority Deadline: Monday, September 9, 2024 (December grads must submit by this date)

For Spring/Summer grads, submission by the priority deadline allows for a certificate-eligibility audit prior to registration for spring classes.

Last Day to Submit Applications: Monday, January 27, 2025.

I expect to graduate and am applying to receive the Business Law Certificate. I have read and understand the program requirements (found on the law school's website at [Business Law Certificate Information Page](#)) and further understand and acknowledge that award of the Certificate is conditional upon meeting those requirements.

Name: _____

USF ID Number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

COURSES & PROCEDURE

COURSES: To earn a Business Law Certificate, a student must

- 1) Complete at least 9 units of approved course work in the subject area. The course work must include **Business Associations formerly Corporations** and at least one additional core course. Any remaining units (to reach a minimum of 9) must be completed from the approved courses listed below.
- 2) Complete a practicum requirement related to business law.
- 3) Complete an Upper Level Writing Requirement analyzing an issue related to business law.

All course work for the certificate must be taken for a letter grade except for any approved elective course in which credit/no credit grading is mandatory. For any course in which a letter grade is not provided, a "credit" must be achieved in order for the course to be applied to meet the certificate requirements. Students must achieve a grade of C+ or higher in each letter-graded course applied to the certificate and achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.70 or higher for all courses applied to the certificate. A student achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher for all courses applied to meet the requirements of the certificate is awarded the certificate with honors.

Procedure: Indicate the letter grade and units received in the courses (below) that you wish to apply to the Certificate. Indicate "in progress" by marking "IP" for courses being taken during the current semester. **(If you indicate more than the required units of coursework, the Registrar's Office will choose courses with the highest grades to count toward the certificate.)**

Note: the curriculum is subject to change and not all courses are offered every year.

Core Courses: You must take Corporations and at least one more core course

Sem/Yr	Grade	Units	Law Reg		Sem/Yr	Grade	Units	Law Reg	
				Business Associations <i>formerly Corporations (Req'd)</i>					
				Antitrust					Securities Regulation
Elective Courses:									
Sem/Yr	Grade	Units	Law Reg		Sem/Yr	Grade	Units	Law Reg	
				Administrative Law					Employment Law
				Bankruptcy					Employment Law Seminar
				Corporate Finance Seminar					Intellectual Property Seminar
				Corporate Governance					Intellectual Property Survey
				Corporate Taxation					Int'l Business Transactions
				DeFi: Decentralized Fin Law					Labor Law
				Employee Benefits (ERISA)					Partnership Taxation
				Employment Discrimination					

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PRACTICUM REQUIREMENT

To earn the certificate, a student must participate in an experiential learning activity that is focused on business law. Students may fulfill this practicum requirement in one of the following ways: (1) completion of a three-unit (minimum) externship relevant to business law; (2) completion of 141 hours of paid work relevant to business law; or (3) completion of a simulation or skills class designated as “Bus Prac” on the course schedule.

Practicum Requirement: Please fill out the grade, year, semester and units for the component you completed									
Sem/Yr	Grade	Units			Sem/Yr	Grade	Units		
			CA Civil Discovery						Negotiation (Basics)
			Contracts Drafting		n/a	n/a	n/a		Paid Position (see below)
			Externship						Role of the General Counsel
			International Summer Ext.						Transactional Skills
			Mediation						Trial Practice: Civil Litigation

If completing the practicum requirement with a minimum of 141 hours of supervised legal work through a paid position, please complete the information below.

Organization:		Dates:	
Address:		Total # Hours:	
City:	State	ZIP:	
Supervisor:		Title	Phone:
Types of Assignments:			

UPPER LEVEL WRITING REQUIREMENT FOR THE BUSINESS LAW CERTIFICATE:

To earn the certificate, a student must complete a substantial research paper analyzing an issue relevant to business law. The paper must demonstrate the ability to identify, describe and analyze the subject matter and should, where possible, propose a resolution.

The paper must meet the standards for an Upper Level Research and Writing Requirement project and also satisfies this graduation requirement. It may also satisfy the requirements of a course taken (sort by “Certificate” and “Writing Req’t” on the course schedule for acceptable courses) or a Directed Research (see Registrar’s Office).

Title of the Paper: _____

Supervising Professor: _____

Semester Completed (If in progress, indicate current semester and year):
Semester Year

To apply for the Certificate, you must:

- Submit this completed application to the Law Registrar’s Office by your second to last semester.
- Submit a writing requirement enrollment form by the last day to add classes for the semester the writing requirement is being completed. The “Business Law Certificate” box on the form must be checked.

Law Registrar Staff Only		
First Audit: _____ <small>Date & Initials</small>	Meets Bus Writ. Req: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Final Audit: _____ Total Units: _____ <small>Date & Initials</small>
Grades Verified: <input type="checkbox"/> Total Units (inc. IP): _____	IP as of (date): _____	GPA: _____ Honors: <input type="checkbox"/>
On Track: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Date Notified: _____	Practicum Verified: _____ <small>Date & Initials</small>	Receiving Certificate: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>