

## **Business Law Concentration Requirements**

### **Introduction**

The Business Law Institute at the University of Mississippi School of Law offers a program of concentration in business law for students who seek to develop special expertise in business law during their law school careers. In an increasingly competitive marketplace, the concentration provides an edge for students who have demonstrated their commitment to and interest in business law. Upon completion of the requirements of the Business Law concentration, students will be awarded a certificate evidencing completion and a notation on their official transcript. The concentration in Business Law is one of the many exciting opportunities offered to aspiring business lawyers by the Law School's Business Law Institute.

### **Business Law Concentration Requirements**

The requirements for the Business Law Certificate are as follows:

- Complete at least 18 credit hours in Core Business Courses;
- Complete at least an additional 9 credit hours in Elective Business Courses with at least 3 of those credit hours in a skills class;
- Obtain a minimum 2.5 GPA in courses counted toward Certificate course requirements (minimum 3.2 GPA for Certificate with Honors); and
- Receive a minimum grade of "C" in each course counted toward Certificate course requirements.<sup>1</sup>

In summary, the Certificate requires completion of at least 27 hours (inc. 3 skills hours) in business law classes with no grade lower than a "C" and a minimum GPA of 2.5 in the certificate courses.

The Core Business Courses are:

1. Corporations
2. Bankruptcy
3. Secured Transactions
4. Income Taxation of Individuals<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> In each case, the requirement would apply only to the courses necessary to obtain the Certificate. It would not apply, for example, to a business law course in addition to the minimum needed for the Certificate.

<sup>2</sup> Income Taxation of Individuals is not itself a "business" course, but is included because it is currently a prerequisite for the corporate and partnership tax classes.

5. (A) Income Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders OR (B) Partnership Tax
6. (A) Intellectual Property OR (B) Corporate Finance OR (C) Securities Regulation

Thus, students are required to complete 12 hours by taking courses 1- 4 and the remaining 6 hours by taking course 5A or B and course 6A, B or C. The Associate Dean may, in consultation with business law faculty, make adjustments to the list of Core Business Courses.

Courses that would satisfy the Elective Business Courses requirement include the following courses plus any additional courses as determined by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs:

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| Antitrust Law 621 (2-3)                  | Intellectual Property 580 (2-3)                                  |
| Alternative Dispute Resolution (2-3)     | Internat'l Commercial Arbitration 722 (3)                        |
| Banking Law 607 (2-3)                    | International Finance 543 (3)                                    |
| Bankruptcy 558 (3)                       | Internat'l Intellectual Property 732 (2-3)                       |
| Bankruptcy Reorg. Seminar 622 (3)        | International Law 620 (2-3)                                      |
| Business Planning 629 (1-3)              | International Trade 575 (2-3)                                    |
| Commercial Paper 694 (2-3)               | International Trade and Commercial Labor Arbitration Law 624 (3) |
| Copyright Law 657 (3)                    | Labor Law I 614 (3)  |
| Deferred Compensation 660 (3)            | Labor Law II 617 (2-3)   |
| Disability Law and Policy 717 (2-3)      | Law and Economics 576 (2-3)                                      |
| Employee Benefits Law 728 (3)            | Legal Accounting 573 (1-3)                                       |
| Employer-Employee Relations 645 (3)      | Mutual Fund & Hedge Fund Reg. (2-3)                              |
| Employment Discrimination 640 (2-3)      | Oil and Gas 609 (3)  |
| Energy Law 746 (3)                       | Partnership Taxation 634 (1-3)                                   |
| Entertainment and Sports Law 647 (3)     | Tax Problems 623 (1-3)   |
| Fed. Tax./Gratuitous Transfers 626 (2-3) | Workers' Compensation 618 (2-3)                                  |
| Gaming Law 661 (2-3)                     |  |
| Income Taxation II 702 (3)               |  |
| Insurance 559 (2-3)                      |  |

The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, with approval by the Curriculum and Practices Committee, is responsible for creating a final list and updating and revising that list on an ongoing basis as necessary.

At the beginning of the third year, a student, who intends to earn a Business Law Certificate, must submit an “Intent to Complete Business Law Concentration Form” to the Law Registrar. At the time of the submission of the “Intent to Graduate Form,” the student must submit a “Statement of Completion of the Business Law Concentration Requirements” to the Law Registrar. No Business Law Certificate will be award unless the student has completed the Business Law concentration requirements and properly submitted the above-referenced forms to the Law Registrar.

**Statement of Intent to Complete Business Law Concentration**

I am providing notice of my intent to Business Law concentration and certify that I have a plan for satisfying the requirements for the concentration.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of Completion of Business Law Concentration**

I hereby certify that I have completed all requirements for the Business Law concentration, as set forth below:

<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>Grade</b>
<b>Core Courses (6 required)</b>			
Corporations			
Bankruptcy			
Secured Transactions			
Income Taxation of Individuals			
Income Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders OR Partnership Tax			
Intellectual Property OR Corporate Finance OR Securities Regulation			
<b>Approved Elective Courses</b>			
<b>Total Concentration Courses Credit Hours »</b>			
<b>Grade Point Average for all Concentration Courses »</b>			

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_