

Business Law Concentration Program Requirements

Overview

The Business Law Concentration Program offers students the opportunity to earn a notation on their transcript signifying both substantive concentration in business law—through course work and directed research—as well as a high level of performance in the subject area.

A. General Requirements

In order to complete the Business Law Concentration Program, a student must satisfy the following requirements.

1. *Students generally must apply to the Business Law Concentration Program during the 2L year by submitting the Intent to Complete Form to the Program Director.*
2. *The student must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average in the required and elective courses (calculated together) designated as satisfying the requirements in **Part B** below.¹*
3. *The student must complete a substantial written work on a topic related to business law. This requirement may be satisfied by a paper which was prepared in connection with the Advanced Research and Writing Requirement, a supervised independent research project (7001), a law school course, or a law journal writing requirement.*

To qualify for the Business Law Concentration Program, the paper must be:

- Approved by the Program Director or assigned Program Advisor;
- On a topic significantly related to business law;
- Double-spaced and in 12-point font with one-inch margins; and
- 25 text pages in length (not counting front matter, bibliography, etc.).

¹ Although courses from other institutions may, under certain circumstances, count toward a given requirement, only those grades appearing on a Texas Tech University transcript will count toward the required minimum grade point average.

B. Course Requirements

1. Required courses include:

- Business Entities (6435);
- Commercial Law (6420);
- Income Taxation (6434); and
- Accounting (as described below).*

*One of the following courses providing background in basic principles of accounting and finance:

- Accounting for Lawyers (6018);
- Financial and Managerial Accounting (Rawls, ACCT 5301);² or
- With the approval of the Program Director, another course or prior experience providing background in basic principles of accounting and finance.

2. Elective courses. *In addition to the required courses listed above, the student must complete at least **four** courses from the elective courses listed in Part G. The four elective courses must:*

- Total at least 10 credit hours;
- Consist of at least two courses from the “**core** electives” in Part G(1), totaling at least five credit hours; and
- Consist of no more than two courses from the “**specialty** electives” in Part G(2), totaling no more than five credit hours. (In effect, any “core elective” may be substituted for a “specialty elective”.)

Students may of course exceed these requirements, and are encouraged to do so. In selecting elective courses, students are strongly advised to speak with their assigned Program Advisor or the Program Director.

C. Assigned Faculty Advisors

Each student will be assigned a Faculty Advisor after the student submits the Intent to Complete Form for the Business Law Concentration Program. Reassignments may be made upon request of the student or the Faculty Advisor after consultation.

² This course has replaced a prior version of the course designated ACCT 5401 in Rawls' curriculum. However, those JD/MBA students who took ACCT 5401 prior to the curricular change will nevertheless be deemed to have satisfied this requirement of the Business Law Concentration Program.

D. Modifications

1. Courses. The Program Director may add to the lists of required and elective courses any relevant new courses that become available after the approval of this program, and likewise may remove courses. If any course is removed, those students who received credit for the course while it was still in the program may count the course toward completion of the program requirements.

2. Unforeseen/Exigent Circumstances. The Program Director may modify, waive or reconfigure the requirements described above where necessary to promote equity and fairness in the event of unforeseen complications or exigent circumstances.

E. Awarding of Concentration Notation on Transcript

Upon completion of all program requirements described above, a Concentration notation will be placed upon the student's transcript. It is the student's responsibility to complete and submit to the Program Director the Requirements Summary Form, reflecting satisfaction of each of the program requirements. The Program Director must certify that a student has met the requirements described above before such notation may be made.

F. Administration

Faculty Advisors may be added by the Program Director at any time. Professors Pawlowic and Chiappinelli serve as Co-Program Directors; Professors Outenreath and Henry serve as Faculty Advisors; and Ms. Michele Thaetig provides primary administrative support.

G. Elective Courses

1. Core elective courses include:

- Advanced Bankruptcy Law (6087)
- Advanced Business Entities (6098)
- Advanced Income Tax (6041)
- Contracts Workshop
- Corporate Taxation (6309)
- International Business Transactions (6306)
- Mergers & Acquisitions (6053)
- Partnership Taxation (6313)
- Securities Regulation (6028)

- Taxation of International Transactions (6012)
- Transactional Practice (6016)

2. *Specialty elective courses include:*

- Banking Law (6317)
- Commercial Litigation (6218)
- Consumer Law (6226)
- Copyright Law (6063)
- Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy (6001)
- Discrimination in Employment (6065)
- Employment Law (6071)
- Entertainment Law (6217)
- Health Care Transactions & Financing (6203)
- Gaming & Racing Law (6090)
- Insurance Law (6009)
- Introduction to Intellectual Property (6231)
- Law Office Management (6243)
- NAFTA (6325)
- Negotiation Workshop (6297)
- Non-Profit Organizations (6312)
- Oil and Gas I **or** II (6311, 6318) (only one of these courses may designated as an elective)
- Patent Law (6294)
- Real Property Finance and Transactions (6304)
- Sports Law (6255)
- State and Local Taxation (6049)

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INTENT TO COMPLETE**

1 Student R #:	2 Expected Graduation Date:
3 Name: Last First	4 Email:
5 Mailing Address:	6 Phone:
7 Has any form of academic disciplinary action been taken against you, or any form of academic sanction been imposed upon you, at TTU School of Law? Yes: No:	
If yes, please attach a brief explanation.	
8 How do you intend to complete the writing requirement?	
Indep. Research Course:	Paper Course: Journal Article:
Which semester do you intend to complete writing requirement?	

9 Required Courses—Projected Schedule		
<i>Course</i>	<i>Semester</i>	<i>Credits</i>
Business Entities		4
Commercial Law		4
Income Taxation		4
Accounting:		
10 Core Electives—Projected Schedule (at least 2 courses totaling at least 5 credit hours)		
<i>Course</i>	<i>Semester</i>	<i>Credits</i>
11 Specialty Electives—Projected Schedule (core plus specialty electives must total at least 4 courses and 10 credit hours)		
<i>Course</i>	<i>Semester</i>	<i>Credits</i>
12 Student Signature:	Date:	

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REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY
 [To be submitted the semester prior to graduation]

1. Name:		2. Graduation Date:	
Last	First		
3. Writing Requirement			
<p>Title:</p> <p>Indep. Research, Paper Course, or Journal Article?</p> <p>Faculty Supervisor:</p> <p>Grade:</p> <p>Date Completed:</p> <p>Approved by Bus. Law Advisor:</p>			
4. Required Courses			
Course	Semester	Grade	Credits
Business Entities			4
Commercial Law			4
Income Taxation			4
Accounting:			
5. Core Electives (at least 2 courses totaling at least 5 credit hours)			
Course	Semester	Grade	Credits
6. Specialty Electives (core <u>plus</u> specialty electives must total at least 4 courses and 10 credit hours)			
Course	Semester	Grade	Credits
7. Student signature:			
8. Admin. Assistant:		9. Advisor:	