

Business Law and Entrepreneurship (“BLE”) Emphasis Requirements

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[Effective for Students Graduating in December 2023 & Later]

The Business Law Emphasis (“BLE”) has six requirements:

- I. Admission into the Business Law Emphasis
- II. Mandatory Meetings with BLE Advisor
- III. Mandatory Courses (10 credits)
- IV. Additional Courses by Track (12 credits)
- V. Skills Requirement (at least 2 credits)
- VI. Writing Requirement

A course’s inclusion in this list of requirements is not a guarantee that the course will be offered regularly. In addition, the faculty may add or subtract courses as the curriculum changes. Finally, the course numbers associated with listed courses may change.

Students must track their own completion of BLE requirements. In addition, students must submit a “BLE Advisor Form,” a “BLE Externship Form” (if required), and a “BLE Paper Topic Approval Form,” as directed below.

The BLE has a grade requirement. BLE students must earn:

- a minimum grade of C+ in each course taken to satisfy the BLE requirements, and
- a cumulative 2.8 grade point average over all courses used to satisfy BLE requirements.

I. Admission into the Business Law Emphasis

Admission is open to students in their second year of law school. Students must submit an application (the deadline is in February of the 2L year). The BLE Faculty will review all applications and notify students of the admission decision.

II. Mandatory Meetings with BLE Advisor

Each student pursuing the BLE will be assigned a BLE Advisor from among the faculty teaching in this area. A student’s BLE Advisor will not necessarily supervise the student’s BLE writing requirement.

Each student must meet with his or her assigned BLE Advisor at least once per semester. It is the student’s sole responsibility to contact his or her BLE Advisor to schedule each meeting at a mutually convenient time.

After the final required meeting, the student must obtain the BLE Advisor’s signature confirming each meeting on the “BLE Advisor Form” and submit the “BLE Advisor Form” as directed on the form.

III. Mandatory Courses (10 credits)

Law 919, Business Associations (4 cr)
Law 925, Property Security (3 cr)
Law 930, Taxation (3 cr)

IV. Additional Courses by Track (12 credits)

Each student must complete the requirements for one of the following two tracks: Transactional Law Track or Intellectual Property Law Track.

Transactional Law Track (12 credits)

The Transactional Law Track is designed for students to focus their studies on the various laws that govern business and commercial transactions.

Required course:

Law 924, Sales (3 cr)

Elective courses: At least 9 credits from the following list:

Law 851, Advanced Torts (2-3 cr)

Law 896, Agriculture Law (3 cr)

Law 901, Special Problems in Business Law (2 cr) (follow instructions for intermittently approved courses)

Law 903, Introduction to Intellectual Property (3 cr)

Law 907, Administrative Law (3 cr)

Law 908, Workplace Law (4 cr)

Law 909, Energy Law (3 cr)

Law 910, Antitrust (3 cr)

Law 920, Securities Regulation (3 cr)

Law 921, Accounting for Lawyers (2 cr)

Law 922, Trademarks & Trade Dress (2 cr)

Law 923, Payment Systems (2-3 cr)

Law 926, Bankruptcy (3 cr)

Law 927, Business Entities Taxation (2-3 cr) (follow instructions for intermittently approved courses)

Law 984, Real Estate Transactions (3 cr)

Law 992, White Collar Crime (2-3 cr)

****Additional intermittently offered courses may be approved as satisfying the Transactional Law Track.*

Intellectual Property Law Track (12 credits)

The Intellectual Property and Technology Law Track is designed for students to focus their studies on the legal issues surrounding the protection of intellectual property and the management of intellectual property rights.

Required course:

Law 903, Introduction to Intellectual Property (3 cr)

Elective courses: At least 9 credits from the following list:

Law 850, First Amendment Seminar (3 cr)

Law 907, Administrative Law (3 cr)

Law 909, Energy Law (3 cr)

Law 910, Antitrust (3 cr)

Law 918, Internet Law (2-3 cr)

Law 921, Accounting for Lawyers (2 cr)

Law 922, Trademarks & Trade Dress (2 cr)

Law 931, Patents (2 cr)

Law 980, Copyrights (2-3 cr)

****Additional intermittently offered courses may be approved as satisfying the Intellectual Property Law Track.*

V. Skills Requirement (at least 2 credits)

One course from the following list:

Law 862, Arbitration Law

Law 912, Civil Mediation (2 cr)

Law 917, Negotiation and Appropriate Dispute Resolution (3 cr)

Law 932, Estate Planning (3 cr)

Law 973, 975, or 976 Externship in a relevant placement (3+ cr)

An externship must be approved as relevant to the BLE by the BLE Advisor.

Each student must obtain the BLE Advisor's signature on the "BLE Externship Form" and submit the "BLE Externship Form" as directed on the form.

Law 978, Entrepreneurship Law Clinic (3+ cr)

Law 991, Arbitration Skills: Labor (3 credits) (*follow instructions for intermittently approved courses*)

Law 991, Skills Practicum: Contract Drafting (2-3 cr) (*follow instructions for intermittently approved courses*)

****Additional intermittently offered courses may be approved as satisfying the Skills Requirement.*

VI. Writing Requirement

Each student's BLE Advisor must approve the work product used to satisfy the Upper Division Writing Requirement as relevant to the track chosen by the student in Part IV. Each student must obtain the BLE Advisor's signature on the "BLE Paper Topic Approval Form" and submit the "BLE Paper Topic Approval Form" as directed on the form.