

# 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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Assessment and  
Review

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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Research
5. 08/09/18 10:44 am  
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6. 08/09/18 10:45 am  
Will Foster  
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8. 08/15/18 9:48 am  
Terry Martin  
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9. 09/30/18 2:50 pm  
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Course and Program  
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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

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7. May 23, 2018 by

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22.0101 - Law.

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

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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 (here inafter 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:

<u>LAWW 6133</u> Antitrust Law	3
<del>LAWW 6613 Bankruptcy</del>	
<u>LAWW 760V</u> Bankruptcy - Business Reorganizations	2-
	3
<u>LAWW 6253</u> Federal Income Taxation of Business Entities	3
<b>LAWW 5391 Effective Corporate Compliance Program</b>	<b>1</b>
<u>LAWW 6393</u> Legal Clinic: Transactional	3
<del>LAWW 5313 Payment Systems</del>	
<del>LAWW 500V Special Topics (Nonprofit Corporations—2-3 hours)</del>	
<del>LAWW 5303 International and Domestic Sales and Leasing</del>	
<del>Transnational Negotiations—2 hours</del>	
<del>LAWW 6192 Workers' Compensation</del>	
<del>LAWW 6193 Workplace Legislation</del>	
<b>LAWW 7302</b> <b>Course LAWW 7302 Not Found</b>	
<b>LAWW 5673 Nonprofit Organizations</b>	<b>3</b>
<u>LAWW 500V</u> Special Topics	1-
	18
<del>LAWW 6523 Employment Law</del>	
<del>LAWW 6913 Environmental Law</del>	
<del>LAWW 633V Intellectual Property (2-3 hours)</del>	
<del>LAWW 500V Special Topics (International Ag Trade Law—3 hours)</del>	
<del>LAWW 5513 Labor Law</del>	

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

~~The Associate Dean may designate a Special Topics or other course as a qualifying Business Elective, and in rare cases, with substantial justification, may allow substitution in the Experiential Business, Business Drafting, or Public Company course categories listed above.~~

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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 Demand for Program 10-15

Scheduled Program Review Date 2022-2023

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

<b>Description of specific change</b>	<b>Justification for this change</b>
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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