

Certificate in Business Law

Business law is an essential part of our curriculum and has been the major practice area for many of our graduates. The law and the accompanying practice range from dealing with small businesses and closely-held organizational forms to providing advice to large corporate enterprises with many subsidiaries and affiliates. The basic teaching goal is for students to learn how law governs the organization, the relationships among the parties, and the basic transactions in business firms. This area of practice also requires a basic knowledge of the federal securities laws as they relate to capital raising and finance. Since this specialty deals with for-profit businesses, it demands a basic understanding of the fundamentals of accounting (i.e., the practice of preparing financial statements) and finance (the science of capital raising and valuation).

Brooklyn Law School offers a Certificate in Business Law for those students who intend to practice in the business law area. Students receive a basic grounding in the law and then specialize with courses geared to smaller or larger enterprises. Students may select additional courses to supplement this focus and to develop their knowledge of accounting and finance. Students who undertake this concentration must satisfactorily complete, at a minimum, the following: (1) 4 foundation courses, (2) at least 2 electives selected from the lists of advanced courses and seminar or specialty courses; (3) 2 electives from the lists of skills and practice-based courses, or in the alternative, 1 skills/practice-based course and 1 advanced/seminar/specialty course.

Foundation Courses

- [Corporations](#) (BOL-200)
- [Corporate Finance](#) (BOL-301)
- [Securities Regulation](#) (BOL-321)
- Plus one of the following four: [Secured Transactions](#) (CTL-210); [Debtors' & Creditors' Rights](#) (CTL-200); [Corporate Taxation](#) (TAX-340); [International Business Transactions](#) (IBL-230)

Advanced Courses

- [Accounting for Lawyers](#)¹ (BOL-230)
- [Antitrust Law](#) (RLP-210)
- [Banking Regulation](#) (BOL-340)
- [Business Reorganizations](#) (CTL-300)
- [Corporate Taxation](#)¹ (TAX-340)
- [Cybersecurity Law, Policy and Practice](#) (RLP-291)
- [Debtors' & Creditors' Rights](#)²(CTL-200)
- [Derivatives Law and Regulation](#) (BOL-250)
- [Federal Income Taxation](#) (TAX-200)
- [Introduction to Compliance and Risk Management in Financial Institutions](#) (BOL-305)
- [Insurance Law](#) (RLP-240)
- [International Taxation](#) (TAX-350)
- [Investment Management Regulation](#) (BOL-324)
- [Startup Law](#) (BOL-240)
- [Law of Non-profit Organizations](#) (BOL-225)

¹If not already taken as one of the foundation courses

²Highly recommended if student has not studied accounting prior to law school.

- [LLCs and Partnerships](#) (BOL-211)
- [Partnership Taxation](#) (TAX-360)
- [Pension Rights & Executive Compensation](#) (LEL-320)
- [Sales and International Sales](#) (CTL-217)
- [Securities Fraud: Criminal and Regulatory Enforcement](#) (BOL-420)
- Securities Litigation (BOL-465)
- [Secured Transactions](#)³ (CTL-210)

Seminar or Specialty Courses⁴

- [Advanced Topics in Commercial Law Seminar](#) (CTL-320)
- [Commercial Arbitration](#) (CTL-310)
- [Commercial Mediation and Arbitration](#) (CTL-311)
- [Corporate and White Collar Crime](#) (CRM-215)
- [Corporate Law: Mergers & Acquisitions/Corporate Governance](#) (BOL-300)
- [International Commercial Arbitration](#) (IBL-310 or IBL-715)
- [International Investment and Arbitration Seminar](#) (IBL-332)
- [Law and Economics](#) (LTJ-235)
- [Market Structure, Private Power and Consumer Welfare Seminar](#) (BOL-260)
- [Social Enterprise Seminar](#) (BOL-226)
- [The Role, Practice and Perspective of the General Counsel Seminar](#) (BOL-201)

Skills and Practice-Based Courses

➤ ***Externships***⁵

- Financial Institutions Regulatory Authority (FINRA)
- New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)
- Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
- [Judicial Clerkship Externship](#) (CLN-206) Bankruptcy placement

➤ ***Clinics***⁶

- [Corporate and Real Estate Clinic](#) (CLN-306)
- [Community Development Clinic](#) (CLN-327)

³If not already taken as one of the foundation courses

⁴This list includes currently offered seminars. From time to time different seminars focusing on topics relating to business organizations may be offered.

⁵Other relevant externships in business organizations and financial institutions may also satisfy this requirement.

⁶Two semester clinics count for 2 skills courses

- [BLIP Clinic](#) (CLN-214)
- [New York Civil Court Consumer Law](#) (CLN-360)

➤ ***Simulation Courses***

- [Commercial Mediation and Arbitration](#) (CTL-311)
- [Complex Securities Litigation](#) (BOL-318)
- [Financial Modeling](#) (BOL-315)
- [Transactional Skills for Startups](#) (BOL-351)