

Requirements:

Area of Concentration in Business Law

Introduction

To graduate with an Area of Concentration in Business Law, candidates must complete both Core Courses and four or more Electives, with a grade of at least B in each course. Candidates who maintain a cumulative grade point average of B+ or higher in their area of concentration courses will receive an Honors designation.

The Business Area of Concentration includes four requirements:

1. Course requirement
2. Rigorous writing requirement
3. Practical requirement
4. Student/professional organization requirement

All decisions with respect to satisfaction of the requirements for the Area of Concentration shall be made by one of the AOC Directors: Professors Hardee, Padilla, or Schaumann.

Course requirements

A total of two core courses and four more electives are required. Candidates must earn a minimum grade of B or higher in *each* of the six courses selected from the cluster of courses. Please select all courses you intend to take. Please note: Not all courses are scheduled every year.

Core Courses

Business Organizations
Federal Income Taxation

Electives

Advanced Contracts: Theory & Application
Advanced Copyright

Advanced Negotiation
Bankruptcy
Business Entity Finance Business Planning
Commercial Real Estate Transactions
Copyright Law
Corporate Finance
Employee Benefit Law & ERISA
Employment Law
Entertainment Law
International Business Transactions
Labor Law
Land Use Regulation
Law & Ethics of Big Data
Law Office Technology: Document Management
Motion Picture Contract Drafting
New Media Rights Clinic
Patent Law
Patent Preparation & Prosecution
Pharmaceutical Law & Policy
Privacy Law
Sales
Secured Transactions
Securities Regulation
Specialized Legal Research: Business Resources
Sports Law
Trademark Clinic
Trademark Law

Or any other course subject to the approval of one of the Co-Directors.

Rigorous writing requirement

Candidates must complete a rigorous writing requirement, which may consist of any of the following:

1. A scholarly writing paper on a business law topic. A scholarly writing paper shall be at least 20 pages in length (exclusive of footnotes) and be completed under the supervision of a faculty member or Law Review editor; or
2. Transactional documents completed as part of an internship, pro bono project, EXP course, or work with a lawyer or law firm. The transactional documents must be at least 20 pages in length and prepared under the supervision of a faculty member or attorney.
3. A writing project completed as part of a course requirement at the SDSU College of Business as part of the JD/MBA Dual Degree Program. The writing project must be at least 20 pages in length and prepared under the supervision of an SDSU faculty member, attorney or business entrepreneur.

Practical requirement

Candidates must participate in one of the following practical requirements:

1. Undertake an internship of three or more credits in a business law setting, or
2. Participate in business law-related work (paid or pro bono) for a minimum of 100 hours, or
3. Take two business law-related experiential courses ("EXP") (which may also count toward the course requirements)

Student organization requirement

Candidates must actively participate in one of the following student or professional organizations after completing their second trimester for at least one trimester.

Business Law Society
Student Intellectual Property

Entertainment and Sports Law

Tax & Estate Planning Society

Business Law Section of the ABA

Business Law Section of the San Diego County Bar Association

Or any other relevant organization, with the approval of a Business AOC
Director.