

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW

CURRICULUM
IN LAW AND BUSINESS

BUSINESS ENTITIES, SECURITIES, AND FINANCE

- Law-611 [Business Associations](#) (4 hrs.)
 Law-612 [Securities Regulation](#) (3 hrs.)
 Law-711 [Mergers and Acquisitions](#) (3 hrs.)
 Law-856 [Corporate Finance](#) (3 hrs.)**
 Law-795 [Ethical Issues in Finance and Economic Development](#) (2 hrs.)
 Law-613 [Advanced Corporate Law](#) (2 hrs.)**
Topics vary. Recent offerings include corporate governance, shareholder proposals, mergers, leveraged buyouts, and current issues.
 Law-823 Problems in [Advanced Securities Law](#) (2 hrs.)**
Topics vary. Recent offerings include broker-dealers, market regulation, enforcement (civil, criminal, and administrative), and hot topics.
 Law-743 [Regulation of Derivatives](#) (2-3 hrs.)
 Law-833 [International Regulation of Securities Markets](#) (2 hrs.)
 Law-922 International Private Equity (3 hrs.)
 Law-874 [The Law of Venture Capital](#) (3 hrs.)**
 Law-639 [Federal Corporate Income Tax](#) (3 hrs.)**
 Law-644 [Partnership Tax](#) (3 hrs.)**
 Law-852 [Law of Nonprofit Organizations](#) (2 hrs.)
 Law-704 [Business Planning](#) (3 hrs.)**
 Law-784 [Securities Field Component](#) (2-3 hrs.)
 Law-785 [Commodity Futures Trading Field Component](#) (2-3 hrs.)
 Law-768 [Community and Economic Development Law Clinic](#) (14 hrs./yr.)

COMMERCIAL LAW AND BANKRUPTCY

- Law-504 [Contracts](#) (4 hrs.)*
 Law-839 [Sales](#) (2 hrs.)
 Law-616 [Negotiable Instruments](#) (3 hrs.)
 Law-840 [Secured Transactions](#) (3 hrs.)
 Law-986 [Comparative Secured Transactions](#) (2 hrs.)

- Law-627 [Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy](#) (3 hrs.)
 Law-625 [Corporate Bankruptcy](#) (2 hrs.)**
 Law-795 [Research Seminar in Bankruptcy](#) (2-3 hrs.)
 Law-752 [General Practice Clinic](#) (6-7 hrs.)

TAX

- Law-647 [Federal Personal Income Tax](#) (4 hrs.)
 Law-639 [Federal Corporate Income Tax](#) (3 hrs.)**
 Law-644 [Partnership Tax](#) (3 hrs.)**
 Law-624 [U.S. Taxation of International Business](#) (3 hrs.)
 Law-745 [Pension and Employee Benefit Law](#) (3 hrs.)
 Law-746 [Advanced Tax Policy and Problems](#) (2-3 hrs.)
Topics vary. Recent offerings include Comparative Tax as well as Tax Policy and Distributive Justice.
 Law-852 [Law of Nonprofit Organizations](#) (2 hrs.)
 Law-645 [Federal Estate and Gift Tax](#) (3 hrs.)**
 Law-768 [Community and Economic Development Law Clinic](#) (14 hrs./yr.)
 Law-762 Janet R. Spragens Federal [Tax Clinic](#) (6 hrs.)

GENERAL BUSINESS LAW

- Law-928 [Analytical Methods for Business Law](#) (3 hrs.)
 Law-672 [Law and Accounting](#) (2 hrs.)
 Law-632 [Law and Economics](#) (2-3 hrs.)*
 Law-651 [Lawyer Bargaining](#) (3 hrs.)
 Law-929 [Advanced Legal Research](#) (2 hrs.)
 Law-849 [Legal Drafting: Commercial](#) (3 hrs.)**

ANTITRUST AND GENERAL REGULATION OF BUSINESS

- Law-692 [Antitrust Law](#) (3-4 hrs.)
 Law-693 [Advanced Antitrust](#) (2-3 hrs.)**

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BETA

Law-971 [Antitrust, Innovation, and Intellectual Property](#) (2 hrs.)**
Law-699 [International and Comparative Antitrust](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-689 [Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection](#) (2-3 hrs.)
Law-805 [Law of Information Privacy](#) (2-3 hrs.)
Law-601 [Administrative Law](#) (3-4 hrs.)
Law-788 [Federal Regulatory Process](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-872 [Regulatory Law and Policy](#) (2 hrs.)

BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Law-857 [Banking Law and Regulation](#) (3 hrs.)[†]
Law-724 Domestic Banking (2 hrs.)[†]
Law-658 [Insurance Law](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-726 [International Financial Institutions](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-727 [International Banking](#) (2 hrs.)

EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR RELATIONS

Law-664 [Employment and Labor Law: The Employment Relationship](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-665 [Employment and Labor Law: Workers and the Law](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-745 [Pension and Employee Benefit Law](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-666 [Employment Rights Law](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-668 [Employment Discrimination](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-691 [Sex-Based Discrimination](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-923 [Employment Discrimination: A Case Model Approach](#) (3 hrs.)**
Law-655 [Immigration and Naturalization Law](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-976 [Business Immigration Law](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-923 [Immigrants in the Workplace](#) (2 hrs.)**
Law-843 Advanced Issues in Immigration Law: Policy, Enforcement, and Review (3 hrs.)[†]
Law-795 [International Labor Law and the ILO](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-967 [Immigration Issues: Employment and Family](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-889 [Labor and Employment: Work, Family, and Equity](#) (2 hrs.)

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Law-670 [Introduction to Intellectual Property](#) (2 hrs.)*
Law-925 [Intellectual Property Management](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-795 [IP Protection and Enforcement](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-623 [Copyright](#) (3 hrs.)

Law-924 [Advanced Copyright Law and Policy](#) (2-3 hrs.)**
Law-698 [International and Comparative Copyright](#) (3 hrs.)**
Law-688 [Patent Law and Regulations](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-855 [Patent Prosecution](#) (2 hrs.)**
Law-926 [Patent Acquisition and Exploitation](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-604 [Patent & Trademark Appeals in the Federal Circuit](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-963 [International and Comparative Patent Law](#) (3 hrs.)**
Law-609 [U.S. Trademark Law](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-646 [International and Comparative Trademark Law](#) (3 hrs.)**
Law-667A IP and [Cyberspace](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-846 [E-Commerce Law & Drafting](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-795 [Licensing and Legal Entrepreneurship](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-845 [Cultural Property Law](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-896 [Law and the Visual Arts](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-719 [Intersection of Intellectual Property and Health Care](#) (1 hr.)
Law-758 Glushko-Samuelson [Intellectual Property Clinic](#) (14 hrs./yr.)
See also the Program in Information Justice and Intellectual Property

REAL ESTATE

Law-518 [Property](#) (4 hrs.)*
Law-671 [Land Transfer and Development](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-730 [Land Use Planning and Practices](#) (3-4 hrs.)
Law-731 [Real Estate Planning](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-957 [Real Estate Development Law and Practice](#) (1-2 hrs.)**
Law-985 [Housing Law](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-710 [Environmental Issues in Business Transactions](#) (2 hrs.)**
Law-768 [Community and Economic Development Law Clinic](#) (14 hrs./yr.)

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

➤ *Communications, Media, and Electronic Commerce*
Law-810 [Communications Law](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-888 [Telecommunications Law and Regulation](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-875 [International Telecommunications](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-828 [Space Law and Satellite Communications](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-683 [Media Law](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-966 Media and the First Amendment (2-3 hrs.)
Law-642 [Entertainment Law](#) (3 hrs.)

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- Law-667A IP and [Cyberspace](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-846 [E-Commerce Law and Drafting](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-667 [Law and the Internet](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-836 [Computer Crime](#) (2 hrs.)
➤ *Energy*
Law-630 [Regulation of Energy](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-685 [Oil and Gas Law](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-824 [Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-795 [International Petroleum Transactions](#) (2 hrs.)
➤ *Health Care*
Law-640 [Health Law](#) (3-4 hrs.)
Law-719 Selected Topics in Health Law (1-3 hrs.)
Topics vary. Recent offerings include:
 - Introduction to Medicine for Lawyers
 - Introduction to Health Care and Life Sciences
 - [Introduction to Law and Genetics](#)
 - [Current Trends in U.S. Health Law](#)
 - [Health, Information Technology, and Life Sciences](#)
 - Health Law: Managed Care
 - Health Law, Regulation, and the Legislative Process
 - Intersection of Intellectual Property and Health Care
 - Legal Issues in Health Care Fraud and Abuse
 - Medical Liability and Public HealthLaw-648 [Food and Drug Law](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-920 [Biotechnology and the Law](#) (3 hrs.)
➤ *Other Regulated Industries*
Law-674 [Law of Professional Sports](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-858 [Aviation Law: Domestic and International Aspects](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-828 [Space Law and Satellite Communications](#) (3 hrs.)

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION

- Law-501 [Civil Procedure](#) (4hrs.)
Law-706 [Advanced Civil Procedure – Complex Litigation](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-673 [Remedies](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-621 [Conflict of Laws](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-633 [Evidence](#) (4 hrs.)
Law-717 [Advanced Evidence](#) (3 hrs.)**

- Law-695 [Civil Trial Advocacy](#) (3 hrs.)**
Law-649 [Pretrial Civil Litigation](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-968 [Trial Advocacy: Evidentiary Foundations and Objections](#) (3 hrs.)**
Law-913 [Trial Advocacy: Litigating in the High-Tech Courtroom](#) (2 hrs.)**
Law-602 [Corporate Crime](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-749 [White Collar Crime](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-847 [Appellate Courts and Advocacy](#) (2-3 hrs.)
Law-614 [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-651 [Lawyer Bargaining](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-752 [General Practice Clinic](#) (6-7 hrs.)
See also International Commercial Litigation and Arbitration, below

INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE BUSINESS LAW

- *General Courses*
Law-619 [Comparative Law](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-660 [International Law](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-621 [Conflict of Laws](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-956 [Selected Issues in International Business Law](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-795 [Global Corruption and Rule of Law](#) (2 hrs.)
➤ *International Trade Regulation*
Law-657 [International Trade Law I](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-969 [International Trade Law II](#) (2-3 hrs.)
Law-809 [The United States Trade Regime](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-817 [Advanced Issues in International Trade Policy](#) (2-3 hrs.)
(e.g., [Trade and Development](#))
Law-950 [NAFTA and Other Regional Trade Agreements](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-952 [Regulation of Trade in Goods and Services under Regional Trade Agreements](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-953 [Investment under Regional Trade Agreements](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-954 [Dispute Settlement Processes under Regional Trade Agreements](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-829 [Trade and the Environment](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-734 [Investment, Trade, and Human Rights](#) (3 hrs.)
➤ *International Transactions*
Law-661 [International Business Transactions](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-890 [Advanced Issues in International Business Transactions: Transnational Reach of Economic Regulation](#) (2-3 hrs.)
Law-736 [International Contract Law](#) (3 hrs.)

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Law-973 [International Sales](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-986 [Comparative Secured Transactions](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-922 [International Private Equity](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-634 [Legal Aspects of Foreign Direct Investment](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-653 [International Finance Law and Development Finance](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-679 [State Responsibility for the Protection of Foreign Investment](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-841 [International Project Finance](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-958 [Managing Political Risk in Project Financings](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-795 [International Petroleum Transactions](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-959 [Business Transactions in Latin America](#) (2 hrs.)
➤ *International Banking and Finance*
Law-726 [International Financial Institutions](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-727 [International Banking](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-653 [International Finance Law and Development Finance](#) (3 hrs.)
➤ *International Intellectual Property*
Law-845 [Cultural Property Law](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-963 [International and Comparative Patent Law](#) (3 hrs.)**
Law-646 [International and Comparative Trademark Law](#) (3 hrs.)**
Law-698 [International and Comparative Copyright Law](#) (3 hrs.)**
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➤ *Other International Regulation of Business*
Law-699 [International and Comparative Antitrust](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-833 [International Regulation of Securities Markets](#) (2 hrs.)
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Law-699 [International and Comparative Antitrust Law](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-808 [International Business and Human Rights](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-875 [International Telecommunications](#) (2 hrs.)
➤ *International Commercial Litigation and Arbitration*
Law-677 [International Litigation and Arbitration](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-789 [International Commercial Arbitration](#) (3hrs.)

Law-738 [International Courts](#) (3 hrs.)
Law-675 [Judicial Assistance in Transnational Litigation](#) (3 hrs.)**
Law-954 [Dispute Settlement Processes under Regional Trade Agreements](#) (2 hrs.)
Law-972 [Bilateral Investment Treaty Arbitration](#)
Law-795 [International Dispute Resolution Involving Sovereigns](#) (2 hrs.)
See also the Center on International Commercial Arbitration and Dispute Settlement

FIELD COMPONENTS/ LAW CLINICS/RESEARCH

Law-784 [Securities Field Component](#) (2-3 hrs.)
Law-785 [Commodity Futures Trading Field Component](#) (2-3 hrs.)
Law-957 [Real Estate Development Law and Practice](#) (1-2 hrs.)
Law-752 [General Practice Clinic](#) (6-7 hrs.)
Law-758 [Glushko-Samuelsan Intellectual Property Clinic](#) (14 hrs./yr.)
Law-762 [Janet R. Spragens Federal Tax Clinic](#) (6 hrs.)
Law-768 [Community and Economic Development Law Clinic](#) (14 hrs./yr.)
Law-799 [Independent Study](#) (1-12 hrs.)
See also the Externship Program

** Check for prerequisite or recommended courses. Typical prerequisites for business courses are Business Associations or Securities Regulation. Federal Personal Income Tax is a prerequisite for many advanced tax courses. Advanced courses in particular areas often require or recommend the basic course first. Details appear in the catalog and course listings.

‡ Students may not take both Law-724 and Law-857.

† Immigration work is also available in the International Human Rights Law Clinic.

* For first-year students.