

Global Law Curriculum Planning

How to Use This Guide

This Curriculum Planning document is intended to supplement the Global Law Certificate document. Students who desire a broad-based education on global law topics should aim to meet the Certificate requirements. Students who wish to focus their education on a particular type of global law should follow the guidance in this Curriculum Planning document. Students who wish to focus on a particular area but who also want a Certificate will find in some cases that they must take at least one course outside the focus area.

To facilitate cross-referencing with the Certificate, each of the following lists contains three types of courses, each indicated by a different typeface:

- a. COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE CERTIFICATE.
- b. *COURSES THAT COUNT TOWARD THE CERTIFICATE BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED.*
- c. Courses that are recommended for future practitioners in this area but that do not count toward the Certificate.

Focus on International Business Law

International business law is an extension of more traditional areas of business law, introducing additional layers of legal and cultural complexity. International practitioners are required to be familiar not only with state and federal law, but also international and foreign law. Moreover, their clients typically consist not only of domestic individuals or companies, but also foreign ones, whether private or governmental. International practitioners may engage in either transactional matters or dispute resolution, or both, and may encounter such diverse areas of the law as international sales of goods, trade law, international investment law, intellectual property law, antitrust law, and international arbitration. Negotiation, planning, and drafting skills are also critical to such a practice. If you are interested in pursuing a career in international business law, contact Professor George Foster (foster@lclark.edu 503-768-6822) for further information.

Take these courses during your second year:

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS (3)

Business Associations I (3)

Take these courses sometime:

FOREIGN & INTERNATIONAL LAW ADVANCED RESEARCH (2)

Intellectual Property Survey (3)

INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (3)

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW (3)

Consider taking one or more of these courses sometime:

Admiralty (2)

Advanced Contracts: Sales & Leases (3) or Advanced Contracts: Commercial Transactions (3)

Antitrust Law (3)

Business Associations II (3)

Clinical Internship Seminar: Corporate Counsel (4)

Contracts Drafting Seminar (2)

Copyright Law (3)

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ARBITRATION SEMINAR (2)

INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW (3)

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW SEMINAR (2)

INTERNATIONAL TAX (3 CREDITS)

LAW OF GLOBAL LABOR MARKETS SEMINAR (2)

Patent Law & Policy (3)

Trademark Law (3)

TRADE & ENVIRONMENT (3 credits)

Focus on International Environmental Law

International environmental law draws on principles and customary law, as well as environmental treaties between two or more nation-States. While international environmental law must be implemented through domestic legislation in almost all situations, the practice of international environmental law differs substantially from a domestic environmental law practice. For example, the typical international environmental lawyer will likely never litigate any cases in state or federal court involving environmental laws. Instead, most international environmental lawyers will spend significant amounts of time in conference rooms of the world negotiating new rules to implement existing environmental treaties or negotiating new international agreements. Rarely, they may litigate cases in front of international tribunals such as the International Court of Justice or the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

Lawyers in this field may work for governments, international institutions such as the United Nations Environmental Program, nongovernmental organizations, or private law firms representing companies or trade associations. Negotiation and drafting skills are critical to an international environmental law practice. An understanding of the major international environmental principles and treaties is essential to this work, as is a solid grounding in public international law, trade law, and domestic environmental law. If you are interested in pursuing a career in international environmental law, contact Professor Chris Wold (wold@lclark.edu; 503-768-6734) for further information.

Take these courses during your second year:

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (3)

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW (3)

Take these courses sometime:

Administrative Law (3)

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE LAW (3)

Environmental Law (4)

FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW: ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH (2)

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROJECT (6)

JESSUP MOOT COURT (1)

TRADE AND THE ENVIRONMENT (3)

Consider taking one or more of these courses sometime:

INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (3)

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS SEMINAR (2)

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW SEMINAR (2)

INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE LAW (2)

Focus on International Human Rights

International human rights law is a form of international law designed to promote and protect human rights at the international, regional and domestic levels. A human rights lawyer may perform functions including investigating and prosecuting violations of human rights, pursuing civil claims against violators, advocating for changes in the law, counseling or defending victims of human rights abuses, and alerting courts, tribunals, and other decision-makers of the human rights implications of business activity or investment disputes. Fora in which a human rights lawyer may have occasion to argue cases or submit amicus briefs include human rights courts or commissions, the International Court of Justice, investment treaty tribunals, and domestic courts. The field is small but growing, with career opportunities potentially available at human rights organizations, watchdog groups, and NGOs. In addition, some lawyers do human rights work as a discrete component of a more diverse practice. A solid foundation in public international law, human rights law, and international dispute resolution is essential, and students interested in this field would be well-advised to obtain practical experience in litigation and oral advocacy. If you are interested in pursuing a career in international human rights law, contact Professor John Grant (jg@lclark.edu; 503-768-6812) for further information.

Take this course during your second year:

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW (3)

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS SEMINAR (2)

Take these courses sometime:

FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW: ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH (2)

INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (3)

JESSUP MOOT COURT (1)

Consider taking one or more of these courses sometime:

Civil Rights Litigation (3)

Criminal Justice: Crime Victims Litigation Clinic (3)

COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW SEMINAR (2)

COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE SEMINAR (2)

CONFLICT OF LAWS (2)

Cultural Resources Protection Seminar (2)

IMMIGRATION LAW (3)

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS (3)

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROJECT (6)

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW SEMINAR (2)

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW: GLOBAL WAR & TERROR (2)

INTERNATIONAL LAW & AMERICAN INDIANS (1)

National Security Law (3)

RACE AND THE LAW SEMINAR (2)

TRADE AND THE ENVIRONMENT (3)

REPRODUCTION AND THE LAW SEMINAR (2)

U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS LAW (3)