Certificate in Entrepreneurship Law

Brooklyn Law School offers a Certificate for students interested in exploring legal issues surrounding entrepreneurship and preparing to represent new ventures for start-ups and growing commercial and not-for-profit companies. To earn the Certificate, students must satisfactorily complete at least **eight** total courses from the various course listings below, broken down as follows:

(1) Five "foundation" courses;
(2) Two "skills / practice-based" courses; and
(3) One "Advanced – General / Business Formation and Growth" course.

To help students with their own thinking about how to develop a course of study and prepare for practice in a particular area, the Skills/Practice-Based and Advanced courses are organized below in terms of particular industries, sectors, or legal subjects. It is not necessary, however, for both of a student's skills/practice-based courses to fall within a specific grouping for the student to earn the Certificate and the subject area Advanced Courses, while not required for the Certificate, are included as suggestions for gaining expertise for practice in certain designated areas. This curriculum is designed recognizing that the needs of businesses (and particularly new ventures and businesses) vary, and many different combinations of courses might prove useful depending on a student's plans or preferences.

The list below represents currently offered courses. Others are expected to be added over time, and may include relevant courses offered at other institutions.

Foundation Courses (Five Courses Required)

- Entrepreneurship and the Law[1]
- Business Boot Camp
- Agency, Partnership – LLCs
- Corporations

[1] This new course will be offered starting in the 2014-15 academic year. It will cover major legal issues in the life of entrepreneurial businesses, including choice of form, financing, leasing, IP protection, employment, and exit strategies. It will be taught by a faculty member or members affiliated with the new Center for Urban Business Entrepreneurship (CUBE).

- Plus one of the following: Accounting for Lawyers, Corporate Taxation, **or** Partnership Taxation

Skills and Practice-Based Courses[2] (Two Courses Required)

Externships[3]

Civil Practice Externship (in pertinent placement)
Transactional Law/Community Development Externship (in pertinent placement)

General / Business Formation and Growth

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Arbitration
- Fundamentals of Legal Drafting
- Interviewing and Counseling
- Introduction to Transactional Skills
- Negotiation
- Solo Practice Workshop

Media and Creative Arts

- Entertainment Law Workshop

Real Estate

- Community Development Clinic
- Corporate Real Estate Clinic
- Real Estate Practice Workshop: Getting the Deal Done

Technology and Energy

- BLIP Clinic
- Drafting Technology Agreements
- Litigating an IP Case
- Litigating a Patent Case
- Trade Secrets Workshop

[2] A two-semester clinic will satisfy the requirement of two practice-based courses.
[3] Placements in businesses and nonprofit organizations may provide relevant externship experiences in any of the fields below. Approval for an externship to qualify as a skills and practice-based course must be obtained based on the specific placement.

Advanced Courses

General / Business Formation and Growth (One Course Required)

- Any Foundation course not already used to meet the Foundation requirement
- Advanced Topics in Commercial Law
- Commercial Paper or Payment Systems
- Corporate Finance
- Debtors' and Creditors' Rights
- Insurance Law
- Law of Nonprofit Organizations
- Secured Transactions

Media and Creative Arts

- Art Law Seminar
- Copyright
- Entertainment Law
- Fashion Law Workshop
- First Amendment
- Mass Media Law
- Newsgathering and the Law
- Telecommunications Law
- Trademark and Unfair Competition

Real Estate

- Commercial Leasing
- Construction Law
- Land Use Controls
- Legal Issues Affecting Sustainable Buildings
- Law of Condos, Co-ops, and Homeowners Associations
- Property Law Colloquium
- Real Estate Finance
- Real Estate Development and Finance
- Real Estate Practice
- Taxation of Real Estate Transactions
- Selected courses offered via Open Door Program at Hunter and Pratt

Technology and Energy

- Energy Law and Policy
- Environmental Law

- Environmental Law II – Enforcement and Emergency Response
- Information Privacy Law
- Internet Law
- Legal Issues Affecting Sustainable Buildings
- Patent Law
- Patent Prosecution