

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER
CURRICULUM GUIDE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS
IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC LAW**

This *Curriculum Guide* is designed primarily to assist with their course selection candidates for the LL.M. degree in International Business and Economic Law (“IBEL”). The *Guide* also may prove useful to other students in choosing business-related courses from the J.D. and LL.M. curricula. The *Guide* complements but does not supersede course registration materials provided in print and online. If any information in this *Guide* is inconsistent with the online version of the course schedule, then the latter controls.

The IBEL degree is open both to US-educated students and to students who have their first degree in law from outside the United States. The degree requirements for domestic and international students are slightly different, so please consult the requirements that are relevant to you. Both domestic and international students pursuing the IBEL degree *may also participate in one of the Certificate programs, such as the Certificate in WTO Law.*

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This *Guide* consists of two parts. Part I provides introductory information. Part II provides sample IBEL course clusters, which are intended to help students select among the Law Center’s extensive offerings by suggesting complementary courses for students wishing to concentrate in specific areas of business practice.

Part I: Introductory Information

Academic Counseling

For assistance in selecting courses, please contact Albert Lauber, Director, Graduate Tax & Securities Programs, at agl26@law.georgetown.edu. To arrange a meeting in person, please call 202-662-9036.

Course Prerequisites

Many courses list one or more other courses as prerequisites. If you have taken the listed course at Georgetown or an equivalent course at another school, then you have met the prerequisite and you do not have to request a waiver. If you have not taken the prerequisite course but believe that you nonetheless possess the requisite knowledge, you will need to request a waiver from the professor. For courses as to which you need to request a waiver, if you are registering over the summer, you may tentatively select that course. However, you will eventually need to get the professor’s approval to waive the prerequisite. It may be possible to do this by email during the summer (you may contact a professor by going to the “Faculty and Administration” section of www.law.georgetown.edu). Alternatively, you may discuss the prerequisite issue with your academic counselor when you arrive, or with the faculty member during the first week of classes.

For courses as to which you need to request a waiver, if you are registering over the summer, you may tentatively select that course. However, you will need to get the professor’s approval to waive the

prerequisite and forward a copy of that approval to the Office of the Registrar before the end of the first week of classes. Such waivers may be sought and obtained via e-mail. You may contact a professor by going to the “Faculty and Administration” section of www.law.georgetown.edu.

Required Courses

To obtain the IBEL degree, students must complete a specified number of total credits, which must include a minimum number of “specialization credits.” The courses that count as “specialization credits” are divided into three categories: International Regulatory Courses (“List A”); International Business Courses (“List B”); and All Other Business Related Courses (“List C”). To view these courses on the website, go to <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/registrar/prereg/index.html>, click on “LL.M. Courses by Degree/Certificate” in the left-hand column, and scroll down to the page captioned, “LL.M. in International Business and Economic Law.” A copy of this Course List appears at the end of this *Guide*. Note that a number of J.D. courses, some of which appear at the bottom of the columns, count toward the IBEL specialization requirement.

To obtain the IBEL degree, graduate students who received their J.D. from a law school in the United States (“domestic students”) *must complete a total of 24 academic credits, including at least 16 specialization credits. As part of these 16 “specialization credits,” students must take:*

- (1) Corporations, if they did not take a comparable course in their J.D. studies;*
- (2) At least one course from List A, focusing on international regulation;*
- (3) At least one course from List B, focusing on international business; and*
- (4) A sufficient number of additional courses from List A, List B, or List C to bring the total number of “specialization credits” to at least 16.*

To obtain the IBEL degree, graduate students who received their first law degree from a law school outside the United States (“international students”) *must complete a total of 20 academic credits, including at least 14 specialization credits. As part of these 14 “specialization credits,” students must take:*

- (1) Corporations;*
- (2) At least one course from List A, focusing on international regulation;*
- (3) At least one course from List B, focusing on international business;*
- (4) A sufficient number of additional courses from List A, List B, or List C to bring the total number of “specialization credits” to at least 14; and*
- (5) U.S. Legal Discourse I, if the student did not attend Foundations of American Law during the summer. This one-credit Fall Semester course counts toward the 20 total credits required for the degree, but it does not count toward the required 14 specialization credits.*

International students pursuing the IBEL degree have several options with respect to two foundational courses, Corporations and Securities Regulation:

Corporations. Most business law courses list *Corporations* as a pre-requisite. For international students, *Corporations* is a required course for the IBEL degree, and it is generally advisable for them to take this course during the Fall Semester. During the Fall Semester, the Law Center offers a 3-credit version of *Corporations*, which has been especially designed for international students in the LL.M. program, as well as several sections of the regular 4-credit J.D. course in *Corporations*. All of these courses fulfill the “Corporations” requirement for the IBEL degree. **Note:** International students do not need to request a waiver for Fall Semester courses listing *Corporations* as a pre-requisite if they are taking any section of *Corporations* concurrently during that semester.

Securities Regulation. Most securities-related courses list *Securities Regulation* as a prerequisite. International students who wish to take any advanced securities-related courses are advised to enroll in *Securities Regulation* during the Fall Semester. The Law Center currently offers a 2-credit and a 4-credit version of *Securities Regulation* during the Fall Semester, taught by different professors. Although the 2-credit version has been especially designed for international students in the LL.M. program, students who desire a more in-depth exposure are free to enroll in the 4-credit J.D. version of the course. Both courses satisfy the “Securities Regulation” prerequisite for advanced courses in this area. For international students who do not intend to take advanced courses in the securities area, the Law Center also offers a 3-credit version of *Securities Regulation* during the Spring Semester. **Note:** International students do not need to request a waiver for courses listing *Securities Regulation* as a pre-requisite if they are taking *Securities Regulation* concurrently during the same semester. However, such students may benefit from academic counseling as to which courses are most appropriate in these circumstances.

Researching Your Course Selections

Students will normally begin their course selection by consulting the online list of courses that meet the specialization requirements for the IBEL degree. To view an alphabetical listing of these courses by Semester, go to <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/registrar/prereg/index.html>, click on “LL.M. Courses by Degree/Certificate” in the left-hand column, and scroll down to the page captioned, “LL.M. in International Business and Economic Law.” A copy of this Course List appears at the end of this *Guide*.

When you see a course that you are interested in, use the online curriculum guide, http://www.law.georgetown.edu/curriculum/tab_courses.cfm, to get details about the course. Just type the course name into the dialog box, click “Search” at the bottom of the page, and you will get a description of the course, the meeting times, the names of the professors, and whether the course requires an exam or paper. Next, you may wish to click on the name(s) of the faculty teaching the course to get an idea of their background. The Law Center’s adjunct faculty are extremely accomplished and each brings a unique perspective to his or her subject.

In composing your schedule, it may also be helpful to consult the “course grids,” which list all LL.M. courses – business-related and otherwise – in a calendar format that shows the day of the week and hour when each class meets. To view the course grids, go to <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/registrar/prereg/index.html> and, in the left-hand column, click on “Fall 2009 Course Grid (LLM)” or “Spring 2010 Course Grid (LLM)” as appropriate.

Many students find it helpful when selecting courses to consult student evaluations of faculty and courses that have been offered in previous years. The evaluations are available online at <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/curriculum/evaluations/>. A university Net ID is required to log in and view these evaluations, and Net IDs will be mailed to admitted students in early June 2009. These numerical evaluations rank faculty and courses on a number of criteria that take the form of statements like, “The instructor taught the course well.” Responses can range from 5 (the most favorable evaluation) to 1 (the least favorable evaluation). The tabulations indicate the number and percentage of enrolled students who provided responses to each question and provide an average score for each course. Hard copies of these evaluations are also available for your review at the circulation desk of the Edward Bennett Williams Law Library or in the Graduate Programs Office.

Papers, Seminars and Writing Requirements

There is no graduate thesis or other specific writing requirement for the LL.M. degree in IBEL. However, graduate students are strongly encouraged to take at least one course that will hone their legal writing skills. Clear and persuasive legal writing is the most important single ingredient for success in sophisticated law practice. Courses that help students develop their writing skills include drafting courses, seminar courses (which usually require a 2-credit research paper), courses with “workshop” in the title, and Graduate Independent Research projects. Courses listed as having “special requirements” (“SR”) generally involve the submission of one or more short writing assignments during the semester.

International students may also wish to consider one of the *U.S. Legal Discourse II* writing courses, which are keyed to specific practice areas. These courses include *Writing for Corporate Practice*, *Writing for Law Firm Practice*, *Writing for International Trade Practice*, and *Writing for Tax Practice* (the latter course requires concurrent enrollment in *US Income Tax: Policies and Practices*).

All international students who did not participate in the Foundations of American Law program are required to complete the course, U.S. Legal Discourse I, unless this requirement has been waived, in writing, by an international student advisor from the Office of Graduate Programs. Waivers will be granted only in exceptional circumstances.

Part II: Sample IBEL Course Clusters

Part II provides sample course clusters for IBEL graduate students. Recognizing that each student has unique goals and interests, the Law Center does not endorse or recommend these sample clusters or any other particular selection of courses. These course clusters are intended merely to help students select among the Law Center’s extensive offerings of business-law courses by suggesting complementary courses for students wishing to concentrate or specialize in specific areas of practice. (Note that some courses are included in several different clusters if they relate to diverse practice areas.)

All of the following courses, which include courses on List A and List B and many of the courses on List C, count toward the “specialization credits” for the IBEL degree. Because of the large number of courses that count towards the IBEL degree,

it is impractical to list all relevant courses in these “clusters.” The courses listed below are those that may be of general interest to many students:

Corporate Law:

Corporations (3- or 4-credit version)

Corporate Governance

Corporate Controls, Compliance and Governance

Governance of Non-Profit Organizations

Fiduciaries: Myths and Realities

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance/M&A Transactions:

Corporate Finance

Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganizations

Law and Economics Workshop

Deals: The Economics of Structuring Transactions

Anatomy of a Deal: M&A Transactions

Takeovers, Mergers, and Acquisitions

Global Securities Offerings

Hedge Funds, Private Equity Funds and Other Similar Investment Vehicles

Emerging Growth Companies and Their Venture Capital Financing Seminar

Securities Law:

Securities Regulation (2-, 3- or 4-credit version)

Disclosure under the Federal Securities Laws

Fraud and Fiduciary Duties under the Federal Securities Laws

Futures Regulation and the Commodity Exchange Act

Global Securities Offerings

Regulation of International Securities Markets

Hedge Funds, Private Equity Funds and Other Similar Investment Vehicles

China's Financial Markets

SEC Regulation of Financial Institutions & the Securities Markets

Securities Trading Regulation [summer session only]

SEC Enforcement Process

Rethinking Securities Regulation & the Role of the SEC

Securities Arbitration & Mediation

Securities Litigation

Complex Securities Investigations

International White Collar Crime

Advanced Securities Regulation

Advanced Studies in Federal Securities Regulation: Policy & Practice

Accounting:

Accounting for Lawyers

Basic Accounting Concepts for Lawyers

Financial Reporting and Accounting

*Financial Accounting, Corporate Governance, & Securities Law Issues for Corporate
Tax Advisors*

Finance:

Federal Regulation of Financial Institutions

Federal Banking Regulation: Modern Financial Institutions and Change

International Banking in the United States

Corporate Finance

Islamic Finance (offered during Week One in January)

Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganizations

Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights

Financial Derivatives Regulation Seminar

Financial Meltdown, the Madoff Scandal, & the Future of the SEC Seminar

Insurance Law

Developing and Financing Infrastructure Projects

Energy Trading and Market Regulation

International Project Finance

International Project Finance and Investment

Law and Foreign Investment in China

Introduction to the Capital Markets and Financing of Income-Producing Property

Structured Finance

Commercial Law:

International Business Transactions

Commercial Law: Secured Transactions

Commercial Law: Secured Transactions and Payment Systems

Introduction to U.S. Contract Drafting

International Project Finance

Aviation Law

Maritime Law

Cross-Border Commercial Regulation: Aviation and Maritime Law

Pre-Negotiation Strategies for Cross-Border Transactions

U.S. and International Customs Law

Global Competition Law & Policy

Trade Law:

Antitrust Law

Antitrust & Intellectual Property Seminar

Antitrust Economics & the Law

Economic Reasoning for Lawyers

Global Competition Law & Policy

Intellectual Property in World Trade

Advanced Antitrust & Economics Seminar

International Law II

International Protection of Intellectual Property Through the WTO

International Trade

International Trade Law

International Trade Law and Regulation

International Trade Remedies and the WTO

Cross-Border Transactions in Latin America

Investment and Trade Laws of the Middle East

Multilateral Trade Negotiations at the WTO in 2010

Trade and Integration in the Americas

Trade and the Environment Seminar

World Trade Organization: Texts of Agreements and the Doha Round

Taxation:

U.S. Income Tax: Policies and Practices [for international students only]

U.S. Legal Discourse II: Writing for Tax Practice [for international students only]

Comparative Tax Law

Introduction to Transfer Pricing

Transfer Pricing—Selected Topics

Tax Policy Seminar

Tax Treaties

Tax Treaties: A Practical Approach to Interpretation and Application

Tax Treaties: Planning and Practice in the Private Sector

U.S. Taxation of International Transactions

Dispute Resolution:

International Commercial Arbitration

International Negotiations Seminar

Mediation Seminar

Negotiations & Drafting Seminar

Negotiations Seminar

Advanced International Commercial Arbitration: Practice Seminar

Conflict Management Systems Design Seminar

*Dispute Resolution under International Trade and Investment Agreements: The
Litigator's Perspective*

Global Commerce and Litigation

Investor-State Dispute Settlement

Litigation Practice in International Arbitration

Labor and Employment Law:

Labor Law: Union Organization, Collective Bargaining, and Unfair Labor Practices
Employment Law
International Law of Labor and Employment
Low-Wage Labor Markets
Labor Arbitration Seminar
Disability Discrimination Law
Employment Discrimination
Employment Discrimination: Domestic and International Perspectives
Corporate Diversity Counseling

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List A: International Regulatory Courses
Students must take at least one of the following:

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
<p><i>Aviation Law</i></p> <p><i>Cross-Border Commercial Regulation: Aviation and Maritime Law</i></p> <p><i>Global Communications Policy & Regulation</i></p> <p><i>International Agreements</i></p> <p><i>International Courts and Tribunals: An Introduction</i></p> <p><i>International Protection of Intellectual Property through the WTO</i></p> <p><i>International Trade</i></p> <p><i>International Trade Law & Regulation</i></p> <p><i>Investment and Trade Laws of the Middle East</i></p> <p><i>Law & Policy of International Economic Relations Seminar</i></p> <p><i>Maritime Law</i></p> <p><i>WTO and Public International Law</i></p> <p><i>WTO: Dumping, Subsidies & Safeguards</i></p>	<p><i>Intellectual Property in World Trade</i></p> <p><i>International Environment & Trade Seminar: Climate Change</i></p> <p><i>International Environmental Law</i></p> <p><i>International Law II: Business & Trade Law</i></p> <p><i>International Organizations & Global Health Lawmaking</i></p> <p><i>International Trade & the WTO</i></p> <p><i>International Trade, Development & the Common Good</i></p> <p><i>International Trade, Investment, & Sustainable Development: Reconciling Open Law markets with Environmental and Social Concerns</i></p> <p><i>International Trade Remedies and the WTO</i></p> <p><i>International Trade Seminar: The WTO & Subsidies</i></p> <p><i>National Security & the Law of the Sea</i></p> <p><i>Trade and Integration in the Americas</i></p> <p><i>World Trade Organization: Texts of Agreements and the Doha Round of Negotiations</i></p>

List B: International Business Courses
Students must take at least one of the following:

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
<p><i>Cross-Border Transactions in Latin America</i></p> <p><i>Global Securities Offerings</i></p> <p><i>International Business Transactions</i></p> <p><i>International Civil Litigation</i></p> <p><i>International Commercial Arbitration</i></p> <p><i>International Project Finance and Investment</i></p> <p><i>International Finance & Regulation</i></p> <p><i>Law & Foreign Investment in China</i></p> <p><i>U.S. Taxation of International Transactions</i></p>	<p><i>Comparative Tax Law</i></p> <p><i>Global Commerce and Litigation</i></p> <p><i>International Banking in the United States</i></p> <p><i>International Business Transactions</i></p> <p><i>International Commercial Arbitration</i></p> <p><i>International Finance & Regulation</i></p> <p><i>International Investment Law</i></p> <p><i>International Project Finance</i></p> <p><i>Investor-State Dispute Settlement</i></p>

List C: All Other Business Related Courses

These courses include (1) all courses that count as “specialization credits” toward the LL.M. degree in Taxation; (2) all courses that count as “specialization credits” toward the LL.M. degree in Securities and Financial Regulation; and (3) the courses listed below:

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
<p><i>Antitrust Economics & the Law</i></p> <p><i>Antitrust Law</i></p> <p><i>China’s Financial Markets</i></p> <p><i>Commercial Law: Secured Transactions and Payment Systems</i></p> <p><i>Human Rights at the Intersection of Trade and Corporate Responsibility</i></p> <p><i>International Commercial Arbitration</i></p> <p><i>International Finance and Regulation</i></p> <p><i>International Law of Labor & Employment</i></p> <p><i>International Negotiations Seminar</i></p> <p><i>Litigation Practice in International Arbitration</i></p> <p><i>Low-Wage Labor Markets</i></p> <p><i>Pre-Negotiation Strategies for Cross-Border Transactions</i></p> <p><i>J.D. COURSES IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC LAW</i> <i>If space is available, these courses may be taken for International Business & Economic Law course credit</i></p> <p><i>Antitrust & Intellectual Property Seminar</i></p> <p><i>Bankruptcy and Creditors’ Rights</i></p> <p><i>Corporate Diversity Counseling</i></p> <p><i>Employment Discrimination</i></p> <p><i>Finance of Real & Personal Property</i></p>	<p><i>Advanced Antitrust & Economics Seminar</i></p> <p><i>Advanced International Commercial Arbitration: Practice Seminar</i></p> <p><i>Antitrust Law</i></p> <p><i>Commercial Law: Secured Transactions</i></p> <p><i>Developing and Financing Infrastructure Projects</i></p> <p><i>Dispute Resolution under International Trade and Investment Agreements: The Litigator’s Perspective</i></p> <p><i>Employment Discrimination: Domestic & International Perspectives</i></p> <p><i>Global Competition Law & Policy</i></p> <p><i>Global Commerce and Litigation</i></p> <p><i>Globalization and Systemic Risk</i></p> <p><i>Intellectual Property in World Trade</i></p> <p><i>International Commercial Arbitration</i></p> <p><i>International Mergers and Acquisitions</i></p> <p><i>International Negotiations Seminar</i></p> <p><i>International Project Finance</i></p> <p><i>International Project Finance and Investment</i></p> <p><i>Introduction to U.S. Contract Drafting</i></p> <p><i>Investor-State Dispute Settlement</i></p> <p><i>Islamic Finance (Week One)</i></p> <p><i>U.S. and International Customs Law</i></p>

*Labor Law: Union Organization,
Collective Bargaining, and Unfair
Labor Practices*

Insurance Law

Mediation Seminar

Negotiations & Drafting Seminar

Negotiations Seminar

*J.D. COURSES IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL
BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC LAW*

*If space is available, these courses may be taken for
International Business & Economic Law course credit*

*Conflict Management Systems Design
Seminar*

Disability Discrimination Law

Employment Law

Labor Arbitration Seminar

*Labor Law: Union Organization,
Collective Bargaining, and Unfair Labor
Practices*

Mediation Seminar

Negotiations Seminar