Business Law (LLM)

The Business Law track in the LLM program at the University of Oregon School of Law is designed for students who want to specialize in business law and gain a deeper understanding of the legal framework that governs businesses in the United States. The program is intended to provide students with the knowledge and skills they need to advise clients on a wide range of legal issues that arise in the context of business.

In this program, students take 15 credits of business law-specific courses, such as Contracts, Business Associations, Intellectual Property, Bankruptcy, and Federal Tax. Students may also choose from a special list of sports and sports-related business law courses to complete a Sports Law concentration within the Business Law LLM track. The remaining 4 credits needed to complete the LLM program can be achieved through any elective courses offered at the law school unless restricted to JD students.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate the knowledge and ability necessary to practice substantive and procedural law and understand the dynamic processes through which law is created, developed, and changed by completing an organized program of courses in a selected specialization.
- Employ sound and articulate legal reasoning to identify, research, and analyze legal problems.
- Communicate effectively with clients, decision-makers, and other relevant stakeholders.
- Recognize the responsibility of lawyers to serve as informed and professional leaders.
- Appreciate the critical role that lawyers play in ensuring meaningful access to the legal system, promoting the just application of its laws, and serving their clients and the community.
- Learn how lawyers work together by demonstrating team lawyering skills, managing conflict, and forging relationships.
- Additional outcomes for students on the two-year pathway:\ • Students develop advanced proficiency in legal English, including reading, writing, and comprehension skills specific to the legal profession.\ • Students acquire a foundational understanding of the American legal system and its principles.\ • Students master legal research and writing, demonstrating the ability to conduct legal research and articulate legal arguments effectively.\ • Students gain comparative and international legal analysis skills, understanding the global context of law.

Business Law Requirements

One-Year Program (Two-Year Program Second Year)

Code	Title	Credits
LAW 782	Introduction to American Law and Practice	3
LAW 783	LLM Advanced and Persuasive Legal Writing	2
Track Specific Courses in Business Law		15
Elective Courses		4
Total Credits		**24**

Additional Requirements

- Master of laws students must complete a written comprehensive paper or project in connection with one of the required courses.
- Students must take at least five courses from the core Business Law offerings indicated by the LLM Program Director.
- Students enrolled in the two-year program must successfully complete the following sequence of required courses:

Code	Title	Credits
LAW 785	American Legal System	2
GRST 635	Reading for the Legal Profession	4
GRST 637	Master of Laws Reading	2
LAW 784	Comparative Law	2
GRST 636	Writing for the Legal Profession	4
GRST 638	Master of Laws Writing	2

- Prior to the second year, students will be required to successfully demonstrate a level of English language proficiency at or above the standard minimum English proficiency requirements for graduate admission to the University of Oregon on the TOEFL, IELTS, an assessment by AEI, or other method accepted by the University of Oregon. Students in the two-year pathway who do not meet the University's general graduate-level English language requirement within two years of matriculation are not eligible to continue in the LLM program.