



## **Business Law Area of Concentration**

The Business Law Area of Concentration offers students interested in the legal aspects of business the opportunity to develop their knowledge and expertise in business law and policy. Students who complete this area of concentration will have the notation "Area of Concentration: Business Law" included on their transcripts.

## **Who Should Pursue This Area of Law?**

Many students who pursue the Business Law Area of Concentration are interested in careers with large business law firms in major financial centres. This area of concentration may also appeal to students with an interest in careers in public policy, government or regulatory agencies, or who simply wish to develop their knowledge, expertise and critical perspective on business in society, and the impact of law and regulation on business and financial institutions.

## **Why Study Business Law at Western Law?**

Western Law is uniquely positioned to offer an especially strong business law program of study. Western Law's Strategic Plan identifies the goal of the school to be "the pre-eminent law school in Canada focussing on business law in the global environment." Western Law's focus on business law in the global environment is unique among all Canadian law schools.

As Canada's premier business law school, our vision of business law is multi-dimensional and inclusive. Our faculty teach and research business law in areas encompassing a wide range of economic, critical, public law and social justice perspectives. Our faculty includes some of the nation's leading scholars in Corporate Law, Commercial Law, Bankruptcy and Insolvency, Securities Regulation, Mergers and Acquisitions and Corporate Finance, as well as Corporate Social Responsibility, International Business and Trade and many other fields. Indeed, our strength in business law complements our nationally and internationally recognized strengths in many other areas including, among others, international and comparative law, law and philosophy, public law, and intellectual property, information, and technology law.

## **First-Year Corporate Law**

In the 2015/16 academic year, Western Law became the first law school in Canada to offer first-year J.D. students the option of taking Corporate Law in the Winter Term of their first year. This option allows interested students to begin taking more advanced courses immediately in the fall of second year, one term sooner than students at any other Canadian law school.

Western Law is one of the liveliest centres of business law activity in the country and has developed an incredibly strong visiting speakers and scholars program in business law that is among the best in the world.

## CAPSTONE (Optional for Area of Concentration)

### Required Courses

- Corporate Law
- Income Tax
- Securities Regulation
- Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders

Commercial & Insolvency Module (Pick 1)	Electives (Pick at least 3)	The Global Environment (Pick at least 3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bankruptcy and Insolvency</li> <li>• Commercial Law</li> <li>• Advanced Restructuring and Insolvency*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Corporate Law*</li> <li>• Case Studies in Business Law</li> <li>• Competition Law*</li> <li>• Corporate Finance Law</li> <li>• Corporate/Securities Moot</li> <li>• Corporate Social Responsibility*</li> <li>• Employment Law</li> <li>• Franchise Law*</li> <li>• Insurance Law</li> <li>• Law and Sport*</li> <li>• Legal History of Business Regulation*</li> <li>• Mergers and Acquisitions*</li> <li>• Mining Law</li> <li>• Securities Law: Concepts and Practice</li> <li>• The Art of the Deal*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conflict of Laws*</li> <li>• Corporate Social Responsibility*</li> <li>• International Bankruptcy*</li> <li>• International Business Transactions*</li> <li>• International Commercial Litigation*</li> <li>• International Protection of Intellectual Property</li> <li>• International Tax</li> <li>• International Trade</li> </ul>

NOTE: Courses marked \* may not be offered every year.

## Relevant Co-Curricular Opportunities

- Chaitons LLP Corporate Restructuring Advocacy Competition
- International Summer Law Internship Program (includes opportunities at the World Bank)
- Torys LLP Negotiation Competition
- Western Business Law Clinic

More information about these opportunities can be found at [law.uwo.ca](http://law.uwo.ca).