

GRADUATE &  
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Bar & Certificate  
Checklist

**SPECIALIZE YOUR DEGREE BY ENROLLING IN ONE OF OUR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS!**

All of our graduate students are able to enroll in a Certificate Program at no additional cost. We offer Certificates in Media and Entertainment Law, Technology and Entrepreneurship Law, Business Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution “ADR”, and Transnational Law and Business.

**SELECT YOUR CERTIFICATE BEFORE REGISTRATION**

Interested students may select their Certificate choice before the first day of classes. If you would like additional guidance on the Certificates and course selection process, you are welcome to meet with an advisor.

**CERTIFICATE UNITS COUNT TOWARD THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

To earn the Certificate, students must complete the mandatory courses as well as the required number of units from elective courses. Be aware that you must earn a cumulative GPA of 2.6 within the Certificate courses. The following page indicates the mandatory and elective courses for each Certificate.

**COMPLETE CERTIFICATE AND BAR TRACK COURSES**

Students may design their schedule to satisfy both a Certificate program and bar track to complete the requirements for both during their degree program.

**ENROLL IN A BAR TRACK TO PREPARE FOR THE NY, CA, OR D.C. BAR EXAM!**

Bar eligibility is determined by each state on a case-by-case basis and is not guaranteed.

Students who plan to sit for another state’s bar exam may consult with our office.

*Classes may not be offered every semester/year. Please consult with an advisor.*

*ABA does not permit courses taken outside of USC Gould School of Law to count toward a law degree.*

USC Gould School of Law Master’s Programs Bar Course Checklist

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

To earn a master’s degree at USC Gould, you must successfully complete the required number of LAW credits for your degree, and earn a cumulative GPA of 2.6 in all coursework.

**LL.M. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (21 units)**

**Mandatory Courses (3 units)**

☐ Introduction to U.S. Legal System (2 units)

☐ Legal Research (1 unit)

**LL.M. IN ADR DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (24 units)**

**Mandatory Courses (5-7 units)**

☐ ADR Ethics (2 units)

☐ ADR Law and Policy: Arbitration and Mediation (3 units)

☐ Introduction to U.S. Legal System [International students only] (2 units)

**MASTER OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (24 units)**

**Mandatory Courses (7 units)**

☐ ADR Ethics (2 units)

☐ ADR Law and Policy: Arbitration and Mediation (3 units)

☐ Cross-Cultural Dispute Resolution (2 units)

CALIFORNIA BAR  
(12 UNITS)

*California Bar requirements are only for students who are NOT licensed to practice law in their home countries.*

**Mandatory Course (2 units)**

☐ Legal Profession

**Elective Courses (10 or more units in 3 or more subjects)**

☐ Business Organizations **or** Partnerships and LLCs

☐ Community Property

☐ Constitutional Law **or** First Amendment

☐ Contracts

☐ Criminal Law **or** Criminal Procedure

☐ Evidence

☐ Gifts, Wills & Trusts

☐ Procedure

☐ Remedies

☐ Sales **or** Secured Transactions

☐ Topics in American Law

☐ Torts

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (D.C.) BAR  
(26 UNITS)

*Foreign-educated LL.M. graduates must take 26 units of subjects tested on the D.C. Bar Exam.*

**Elective Courses (26 or more units)**

☐ Business Organizations

☐ Constitutional Law

☐ Contracts

☐ Criminal Law

☐ Criminal Procedure

☐ Evidence

☐ Family Law

☐ First Amendment

☐ Gifts, Wills and Trusts

☐ Partnerships and LLCs

☐ Procedure

☐ Sales

☐ Secured Transactions

☐ Torts

NEW YORK BAR  
(24 UNITS)\*

**Mandatory Courses (7 units)**

☐ Introduction to U.S. Legal System

☐ Legal Research

☐ Legal Profession

☐ Legal Writing A\*\*

**Elective Courses (6 or more units)**

☐ Business Organizations

☐ Constitutional Law

☐ Contracts

☐ Criminal Law

☐ Criminal Procedure

☐ Evidence

☐ Family Law

☐ First Amendment

☐ Gifts, Wills and Trusts

☐ Partnerships and LLCs

☐ Procedure

☐ Sales

☐ Secured Transactions

☐ Topics in American Law

☐ Torts

**\* Choose 11 units from other courses at USC Law.**

**\*\* Advanced Legal Writing for International Business Lawyers may substitute for LL.M. Legal Writing, if space is available.**

USC Gould School of Law

Master’s Programs

Certificate Course

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BUSINESS LAW CERTIFICATE (12 UNITS)
<b>Mandatory Course (4 units)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Organizations
<b>Elective Courses* (8 or more units)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting for Lawyers
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Law and Regulatory Policy
<input type="checkbox"/> ADR Clause Drafting
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Copyright
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Legal Writing for Int’l Business Lawyers
<input type="checkbox"/> Analytical Methods for Lawyers
<input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust Law I
<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Bankruptcy Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Bankruptcy
<input type="checkbox"/> Business for Lawyers
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Paper
<input type="checkbox"/> Contracts
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Drafting, Analysis and Negotiation
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Drafting and Negotiation
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Drafting and Strategy
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Finance
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Fraud
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Reorganization
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Taxation
<input type="checkbox"/> Counseling the Start Up
<input type="checkbox"/> Dealmaking
<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Law
<input type="checkbox"/> International Arbitration
<input type="checkbox"/> International Business Transactions
<input type="checkbox"/> International Negotiation & Mediation
<input type="checkbox"/> International Trade Policy
<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use Control
<input type="checkbox"/> Mergers and Acquisitions
<input type="checkbox"/> Partnerships and LLCs
<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership Taxation
<input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate Law and Business I
<input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate Law and Business II
<input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate Transaction Problems
<input type="checkbox"/> Sales
<input type="checkbox"/> Secured Transactions
<input type="checkbox"/> Securities Fraud
<input type="checkbox"/> Securities Regulation
<input type="checkbox"/> Taxation
<input type="checkbox"/> Technology Transactions
<input type="checkbox"/> Transactional Due Diligence
<input type="checkbox"/> Venture Capital Law and Finance
<b>Topics in Entertainment Law Courses</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Current Issues Challenging the Industry
<input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property Licensing
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal & Business Issues in Digital Age
<b>Marshall Courses**</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Financial Strategy
<input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurial Finance

TRANSNATIONAL LAW & BUSINESS (12 UNITS)
<b>Mandatory Courses (6-7 units)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Organizations
<input type="checkbox"/> Global Regulatory Compliance <b>or</b> International Business Transactions
<b>Elective Courses* (5-6 units)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Drafting, Analysis and Negotiation
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Finance
<input type="checkbox"/> Cross-Cultural Dispute Resolution
<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Relations and National Security Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Immigration Law
<input type="checkbox"/> International Arbitration
<input type="checkbox"/> International Investment Law and Arbitration
<input type="checkbox"/> International Negotiations and Mediation
<input type="checkbox"/> International Sales of Goods
<input type="checkbox"/> International Trade Policy
<input type="checkbox"/> Mergers and Acquisitions
<input type="checkbox"/> Public International Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Securities Regulation
<input type="checkbox"/> Technology Transactions
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Foreign Policy and International Law
<b>Marshall Courses**</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Finance
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Financial Strategy
<input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurial Finance: Financial Management for Developing Firms
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Analysis and Valuation
<input type="checkbox"/> Mergers and Acquisitions
<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Issues for Global Business
<input type="checkbox"/> Venture Capital and Private Equity
<b>Public Policy Courses**</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Business and Public Policy
<input type="checkbox"/> Comparative International Development

Consider LL.M. Contract Drafting, Analysis and  
Negotiation over other Contract Drafting courses

Must complete at least 8 units of numeric grading within  
the certificate courses.

\* Not all electives are offered every semester or year.  
Consult with an advisor.

\*\* New York Bar does not recognize non-LAW courses  
toward 24 unit requirement. Non-LAW courses also  
must be taken for a letter grade.

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT LAW CERTIFICATE (12 UNITS)
<b>Mandatory Courses (9 units)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Organizations
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property
<b>Elective Courses* (3 or more units)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust Law I
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Drafting, Analysis and Negotiation
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Drafting and Strategy
<input type="checkbox"/> Copyright Law in Practice
<input type="checkbox"/> Counseling the Startup
<input type="checkbox"/> Dealmaking
<input type="checkbox"/> Digital Media Transactions
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment Law Practicum
<input type="checkbox"/> First Amendment
<input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property Litigation
<input type="checkbox"/> Internet Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Music Law in Practice
<input type="checkbox"/> Patent Drafting and Prosecution
<input type="checkbox"/> Patent Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Privacy Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Secured Transactions
<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Law in Practice
<input type="checkbox"/> Taxation
<input type="checkbox"/> Technology Transactions
<input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunications Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Television and Digital Media: Business Production Issues
<input type="checkbox"/> Venture Capital Law and Finance
<input type="checkbox"/> Video Game Law
<b>Topics in Entertainment Law Courses</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Current Issues Challenging the Industry
<input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property Licensing
<input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property Litigation
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal & Business Issues in Digital Age
<input type="checkbox"/> Talent Negotiation
<input type="checkbox"/> Unions & Guilds
<b>Cinematic Arts/CNTV Courses**</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Digital Technologies and the Entertainment Industry
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment Marketing in Today’s Environment
<input type="checkbox"/> Feature Film Financing and the Studio System
<input type="checkbox"/> Seminar in Motion Picture Business
<input type="checkbox"/> The Business of Representation
<input type="checkbox"/> The Television Industry: Networks, Cable and the Internet
<input type="checkbox"/> The World of the Producer

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) CERTIFICATE (12 UNITS)
<b>Mandatory Courses*** (5 units)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> ADR Ethics
<input type="checkbox"/> ADR Law and Policy: Arbitration and Mediation
<b>Elective Courses* (7 or more units)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> ADR Clause Drafting
<input type="checkbox"/> Arbitration Advocacy
<input type="checkbox"/> Arbitration in the United States
<input type="checkbox"/> Cross-Cultural Dispute Resolution
<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce & Family Mediation
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment Dispute Mediation
<input type="checkbox"/> International Arbitration
<input type="checkbox"/> International Investment Law and Arbitration
<input type="checkbox"/> International Negotiation and Mediation
<input type="checkbox"/> Labor Arbitration
<input type="checkbox"/> Negotiation Theory and Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Mediation Advocacy
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Education Law & Dispute Resolution
*** Mandatory courses are only offered in the Fall semester.
<b>TECHNOLOGY &amp; ENTREPRENEURSHIP LAW CERTIFICATE (12 UNITS)</b>
<b>Mandatory Courses (7 or 8 units)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Organizations
<input type="checkbox"/> Patent Law <b>or</b> Intellectual Property Law
<b>Elective Courses* (4 or 5 units)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Bankruptcy
<input type="checkbox"/> Business for Lawyers
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Drafting, Analysis and Negotiation
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Drafting and Negotiation
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Drafting and Strategy
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Finance
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Taxation
<input type="checkbox"/> Counseling the Startup
<input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property
<input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property Licensing
<input type="checkbox"/> Internet Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Mergers and Acquisitions
<input type="checkbox"/> Patent Drafting and Prosecution
<input type="checkbox"/> Patent Litigation
<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership Taxation
<input type="checkbox"/> Partnerships and LLCs
<input type="checkbox"/> Secured Transactions
<input type="checkbox"/> Technology Transactions
<input type="checkbox"/> Video Game Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Venture Capital Law and Finance