By integrating business and legal analysis into the law school classroom, the program better prepares students to serve their future clients from day one.

The program is designed for students aspiring to structure and negotiate business transactions, advise company directors and management, represent businesses in litigation and disputes, begin their careers in a corporate position, or serve in government regulatory agencies. Students who participate in the program gain experience with the types of sophisticated and challenging projects they will encounter in their careers.
LAW & BUSINESS CURRICULUM

Students can take advantage of an extensive set of curricular opportunities that allow them the flexibility to sample according to their interests or dive deep.

Business Methods and Skills

For students without a financial background, courses taught by UVA’s business and law faculty lay the foundation for understanding the corporate world. They include Accounting and Corporate Finance, Corporate Strategy and other classes focused on business skills.

Core Courses

Core business law courses include Corporations, Securities Regulation, Bankruptcy, Employment, Environmental Law, Income Tax, Antitrust and Intellectual Property.

Enhanced Care

Law & Business Courses

Students who have taken the introductory Accounting and Corporate Finance course or who have equivalent experience are eligible to take enhanced versions of core Law & Business courses that incorporate finance and quantitative concepts. These typically include Corporations, Securities Regulation, Bankruptcy, Environmental Law, Income Tax, Antitrust and Intellectual Property.

Advanced Courses and Seminars

Typically offered in small seminar settings, advanced courses prepare students for real-world situations and teach students how to use the law to find constructive solutions to business problems. Top practitioners from law firms, business and government, as well as UVA faculty, engage students in hands-on exercises, such as deal structuring, negotiating and counseling.

Recent Courses

The In-House Lawyer: Deals and Disputes, taught by David Litch, former general counsel and vice chair of Bank of America, and Deborah Majoras, former chief legal officer and secretary for Procter & Gamble.

International Business Negotiation, with Kenneth Sturling, a retired DLA Piper partner and former official in the Justice Department’s Antitrust Division.

Topics in Public Equity Investing, taught by Barnsey Wilson, founder and portfolio manager of Robin Capital.

The Corporate Law of M&A Transactions, taught by Professor Cathy Hwang and Peter Lyons, a legal consultant for the show.

Beyond the Curriculum

Students can access a variety of extracurricular activities, including:

- The Virginia Law & Business Review, a student-led business law journal
- Rhomna Investments, a student organization dedicated to learning the art of intelligent investing
- Virginia Law & Business Society, which has sponsored academic, professional and social activities since its founding in 1981

Related groups include the JD/MBA Society, the Virginia Employment and Labor Law Association, and the Health Law Association.

Virginia ranks third after Harvard in the number of chief legal officers at the nation’s top 500 companies. Alumni lead these legal divisions:

- The Carlyle Group
- Chevron
- CVS Health
- Hanesbrands
- The Wendy’s Co.
- NBC Universal
- Netflix
- Sallie Mae
- Verizon
- Procter & Gamble
- Netflix
- The Carlyle Group
- Verizon
- The Hershey Co.
- Netflix
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- Verizon

Alumni in the corporate world.

- David Hyman ‘96 has served as the general counsel of Netflix since 2002.
- Green TV ‘96 is the general counsel for Boeing’s Defense, Space and Security.
- Sasha Netflix ‘98 is the vice president and chief administrative officer for the NFL in 2019.
- Grace Fu ‘09 is the general counsel for Booking Holdings Inc.
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- Max Ain ‘22 and Andrew Teal ‘22 won the inaugural Transactional Law Review, a student magazine that tests aspiring M&A lawyers’ negotiating skills.

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