



Navigating the High Tech Curriculum

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This document is intended to help you select courses based on your career goals. The High Tech Law Institute also provides individual counseling; contact Joanna Justus or Brian Love to make an appointment.

Please note that this document does not modify the [High Tech Law Certificate requirements](#) and some courses listed below do not qualify for the High Tech Law Certificate. Also, not every course listed below is offered regularly. For more information on anticipated course frequency and scheduling, visit <http://law.scu.edu/hightech/curriculum/>.

Please note also that there is no “one size fits all” approach to course selection. Some students take as many courses in the high tech curriculum as possible, while others take some high tech courses and also explore other parts of the law school curriculum. Either approach can be the right one for you depending on your goals. When in doubt, seek advice from the Office of Career Management, High Tech faculty members, mentors, and/or lawyers practicing in relevant areas of specialization.

We encourage all students to complement their classroom learning with experiential learning via the Entrepreneurs’ Law Clinic, externships, and/or other part-time legal work. Also, employers frequently lament the writing abilities of new law graduates, so practice and improve your writing skills as much as you reasonably can.

This document is broken down by practice area. Note: some practice areas typically do not hire recent law graduates, so talk with the Office of Career Management to optimize your job search.

Patent Prosecution

<i>Highly Recommended</i>	<i>Other Relevant Courses Include</i>
Intellectual Property Survey International IP Patents Patent Prosecution	Administrative Law Antitrust Entrepreneurs’ Law Clinic IP Litigation Technology Licensing Trade Secrets Patent Bar-eligible students who wish to prosecute computer-related patents, but lack experience with software, might consider the JD/MSIS joint degree.

IP Litigation (including Patent Litigation)

<i>Highly Recommended</i>	<i>Other Relevant Courses Include</i>
Intellectual Property Survey International IP IP Litigation One or more of Copyrights, Patents, Trademarks, or Trade Secrets (depending on the type(s) of cases you would like to litigate)	Antitrust E-Discovery Litigating Section 101 Patent Eligibility Negotiating Technology Licensing Trial Techniques Using Expert Witnesses and Consultants to Convey Complex Information Good experiential learning opportunities include a High Tech Moot Court program and a judicial externship. Highly motivated students who are interested in computer-related litigation or e-discovery, but lack significant experience with software, might consider the JD/MSIS joint degree.

Trademark Prosecution/Counseling

<i>Highly Recommended</i>	<i>Other Relevant Courses Include</i>
Intellectual Property Survey International IP Trademarks Trademark Prosecution Seminar	Administrative Law Advertising & Marketing Law Entrepreneurs' Law Clinic Internet Law IP Litigation Rights of Publicity Technology Licensing Using Expert Witnesses and Consultants to Convey Complex Information

Technology Licensing

<i>Highly Recommended</i>	<i>Other Relevant Courses Include</i>
Intellectual Property Survey International IP Technology Licensing One or more of Copyrights, Patents, Trademarks, or Trade Secrets	Advertising & Marketing Law Antitrust International Business Negotiation Simulation Internet Law Legal Issues of Start-up Businesses Negotiating Privacy Law

Privacy/Compliance

<i>Highly Recommended</i>	<i>Other Relevant Courses Include</i>
Privacy Law Comparative Privacy Law Cybersecurity How Engineers, Businesspeople and Lawyers Communicate	Advertising & Marketing Law Consumer Protection Criminal Procedure: Investigation Employment Law E-Discovery One or more of the Health Law courses Internet Law IP Survey Rights of Publicity Technology Licensing Highly motivated students who lack significant experience with software might consider the JD/MSIS joint degree.

Corporate Transactions

<i>Highly Recommended</i>	<i>Other Relevant Courses Include</i>
Intellectual Property Survey Business Organizations Venture Capital Legal Issues of Start-up Businesses	Entrepreneurs' Law Clinic International Business Transactions Law & Technology of Silicon Valley Mergers & Acquisitions Securities Regulation Highly motivated students might consider the JD/MBA joint degree.

Life Sciences/Biotech

Note: many "Life Sciences" or "Biotech" jobs involve patent prosecution, technology licensing, or corporate transactions, so cross-reference those sections above as applicable.

<i>Highly Recommended</i>	<i>Other Relevant Courses Include</i>
Intellectual Property Survey International IP Biotechnology Law Seminar Patents	Administrative Law Assisted Reproduction, Cloning, & Genetic Eng. Family Law Food & Drug Law One or more of the Health Law courses IP Litigation Legal Issues of Start-up Businesses Technology Licensing

Entertainment/Sports Law

<i>Highly Recommended</i>	<i>Other Relevant Courses Include...</i>
Intellectual Property Survey International IP Copyright Law One or more of the Entertainment Law courses, or one or more of the Sports Law courses (depending on your preferred focus)	Advertising & Marketing Law Internet Law Rights of Publicity Trademarks Technology Licensing