



Navigating the High Tech Curriculum

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This document helps you select the most useful courses for you. The High Tech Law Institute also provides individual counseling; contact Joy Peacock to make an appointment.

This document doesn't modify the [High Tech Law Certificate requirements](#). For example, some courses listed below don't qualify for the High Tech Law Certificate. Also, not every course listed below is offered regularly, and we may have added new courses since we last updated this document. See our course offering schedule at <http://law.scu.edu/hightech/curriculum/>.

An overall perspective about course selection: some students take as many courses in the high tech curriculum as possible; others take some high tech courses and then explore other facets of the law school curriculum. Either approach is meritorious, so don't feel compelled to take lots of high tech courses. Employers value both specialists and generalists; and over a long and unpredictable career, a generalist legal education may prove more valuable than a specialized one. Therefore, we encourage you to strike a balance in your legal education. Consider taking some courses outside the high tech curriculum that will improve other skills or that satisfy your intellectual curiosity.

We encourage all students to complement their classroom learning with experiential learning via externships or part-time legal clerkships. Also, employers frequently lament the writing abilities of new law graduates, so practice and improve your writing skills.

This document is broken down by practice area. Note: some practice areas don't hire recent law graduates frequently, so talk with Law Career Services 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 Trade Secrets IP Litigation Technology Licensing Antitrust Advanced Legal Research in IP IP Theory

IP Litigation (including Patent Litigation and E-Discovery)

<i>Highly Recommended</i>	<i>Other Relevant Courses Include...</i>
Intellectual Property Survey International IP IP Litigation One or more of Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks or Trade Secrets	Antitrust Advanced Legal Research in IP E-Discovery IP Remedies Federal Courts Pre-Trial Litigation One or more courses on ADR Technology Licensing IP Theory Good experiential learning opportunities include a High Tech Moot Court program and a judicial externship Highly motivated students interested in computer-related litigation or e-discovery might consider the JD/MSIS degree

Trademark Prosecution/Counseling

<i>Highly Recommended</i>	<i>Other Relevant Courses Include...</i>
Intellectual Property Survey International IP Trademarks	IP Litigation Technology Licensing Administrative Law Advertising Law Rights of Publicity Internet Law

Software Licensing. Note: These recommendations also apply to students interested in technology licensing/IP transactional work, privacy counseling and Internet transactional work.

<i>Highly Recommended</i>	<i>Other Relevant Courses Include...</i>
Intellectual Property Survey International IP Copyrights Technology Licensing	One or more of Patents, Trademarks or Trade Secrets International Business Negotiations Antitrust Legal Issues of Start-up Businesses Advanced Contracts (UCC Article 2) Privacy Law Internet Law Advertising Law Highly motivated students might consider the JD/MSIS 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	Securities Regulation Mergers & Acquisitions International Business Transactions Highly motivated students might consider the JD/MBA degree

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

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

Telecommunications Law

<i>Highly Recommended</i>	<i>Other Relevant Courses Include...</i>
Intellectual Property Survey One or both of the Mass Communications Law courses Internet Law	Broadband Regulatory Clinic Administrative Law Antitrust Copyright Privacy Law

Entertainment 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	Trademarks One or more of the Sports Law courses Technology Licensing Rights of Publicity Internet Law Advertising Law Employment Law/Labor Law