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 Nikki Pope or Brian Love 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, 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. 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 the Entrepreneurs' Law Clinic, externships, or part-time legal clerkships. 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 don't hire recent law graduates frequently, so talk with the Office of Career Management to optimize your job search.

Patent Prosecution

Highly Recommended	*Other Relevant Courses Include…*
Intellectual Property Survey	Trade Secrets
International IP	Entrepreneurs' Law Clinic
Patents	IP Litigation
Patent Prosecution	Technology Licensing
	Administrative Law
	Antitrust
	Advanced Legal Research in IP
	Patent Bar-eligible students who wish to prosecute computer-related patents, but lack significant experience with software, might consider the JD/MSIS joint degree

IP Litigation (including Patent Litigation)

Highly Recommended	Other Relevant Courses Include…
Intellectual Property Survey International IP IP Litigation One or more of Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks, or Trade Secrets	Antitrust Federal Courts Pre-Trial Litigation Technology Licensing Advanced Legal Research in IP One or more courses on ADR and Negotiating 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 joint degree

Trademark Prosecution/Counseling

Highly Recommended	Other Relevant Courses Include…
Intellectual Property Survey International IP Trademarks	Entrepreneurs' Law Clinic IP Litigation Technology Licensing Administrative Law Advertising & Marketing Law Rights of Publicity Internet Law

Technology Licensing

Highly Recommended	Other Relevant Courses Include…
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 Privacy Law Internet Law Advertising & Marketing Law Negotiating Highly motivated students might consider the JD/MSIS joint degree

Privacy/Compliance

Highly Recommended	*Other Relevant Courses Include…*
Privacy Law Comparative Privacy Law Cybersecurity How Engineers, Businesspeople and Lawyers Communicate with Each Other	Advertising & Marketing Law Criminal Procedure: Investigations Health Law IP Survey Internet Law Rights of Publicity Technology Licensing Highly motivated students might consider the JD/MSIS joint degree

Corporate Transactions

Highly Recommended	*Other Relevant Courses Include…*
Intellectual Property Survey Business Organizations Venture Capital Legal Issues of Start-up Businesses	Securities Regulation Mergers & Acquisitions International Business Transactions Entrepreneurs' Law Clinic Law & Technology of Silicon Valley 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 as applicable.

Highly Recommended	*Other Relevant Courses Include…*
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 Health Law Family Law

Telecommunications Law

Highly Recommended	Other Relevant Courses Include…
Intellectual Property Survey Mass Communications I and II Internet Law	Broadband Regulatory Clinic Administrative Law Antitrust Copyright Privacy Law

Entertainment Law

Highly Recommended	Other Relevant Courses Include…
Intellectual Property Survey International IP Copyright Law One or more of the Entertainment Law courses	Trademarks Sports Law Technology Licensing Rights of Publicity Internet Law Advertising & Marketing Law