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Corporate Governance & Practice LL.M. Curriculum Guide 2026–2027

n.b.: These requirements may be revised and will also be distributed to students at the start of the academic year.

Total required units for graduation:	35 units minimum/45 units maximum
Minimum and maximum units per quarter:	9 units minimum[1]/14 units maximum

Menu A—Mandatory Classes
CGP LL.M. students must successfully complete the following courses (14 units total):

1.	Introduction to American Law	3 units* (September, pre-Autumn Quarter)
2.	Professional Responsibility	3 units* (September, pre-Autumn Quarter)
3.	Corporate Governance & Practice Seminar	4 units (2 units each in Autumn and then either Winter or Spring)
4.	Corporations	4 units (Autumn)

** The 6 units for Introduction to American Law and Professional Responsibility count towards your total unit minimum/maximum but are not counted as part of the Autumn Quarter.*

Note that, although it is not required as part of the LL.M. curriculum, **Advanced Legal Writing is mandatory to be eligible to take the New York bar exam**.

Menu B—Core Distribution Requirements: SLS Corporate and Business Law Classes
These classes represent the core of the corporate law curriculum at Stanford Law School. CGP students must successfully complete four (4) courses from the following menu, depending on offerings and availability (not all courses are offered every year).

- You are especially encouraged to take a course on corporate finance. These courses are in bold on the below list.
- Some of the courses listed on Menu B may have prerequisites or limited enrollment, requiring you to lottery for the class or obtain the instructor's consent. Please consult the course descriptions on the Law School course catalog at https://law.stanford.edu/courses/.
- At the discretion of the CGP Teaching Fellow, law school classes not on this list but that relate to business law may be counted towards fulfillment of your Menu B requirements.
- You may not count blockchain or cryptocurrency courses toward your Menu B requirements; examples of these courses are listed in Menu C.

[1] Note that Physical Wellness (Physwell) courses may not count toward your 9-unit minimum.

List of Menu B courses:

Accounting
Advanced Contracts: Commercial Transactions
Advanced Negotiations: Transactions
Advanced Legal Writing: Business Negotiations
Advanced Legal Writing: Business Transactions
Advanced Legal Writing: High-Tech Transactions
Antitrust (and Advanced Antitrust)
Banking Law
Bankruptcy
Big Tech, Market Concentration, and U.S. Antitrust Policy
Business, Social Responsibility, and Human Rights
China Law and Business
Comparative Corporate Law and Governance
Comparative Venture Capital: China
Complex Litigation Through a Securities Lens
Contracts: American Law
Corporate Finance (and **Advanced Corporate Finance**)
Corporate Governance Matters – Shareholder Activism, Hostile M&A, and Control of the Company
Corporate Income Taxation
Corporate Reorganization
Corporate and Securities Litigation
Creating Value: Private Equity, Venture Capital and Entrepreneurism
Data Privacy: From GDPR to AI and Beyond
Deals I/II (counts as a single Menu B course)
Deals in Latin America
Defects in Contract Formation: Political Theoretical and Economic Analyses
Derivatives
Economic Analysis of Law
Global Business Law (and Policy)
Global Capital Markets/Global Financial Markets
Global Corporate Governance
Global Litigation
International Business Transactions, Regulation and Litigation
International Business Negotiation
International Commercial Arbitration
International Deals
International Investment Law
International Securities Regulation
International Tax
Introduction to Law and Economics
Introduction to Financial Institutions
Introduction to Finance
Law and Economics Seminar I/II (counts as a single Menu B course)
Law and Governance in ESG Strategy
Leadership Vacuums in Government and Business: Law and Strategy of Temporary Leaders
Mergers and Acquisitions
Negotiations
Partnership Tax
Private Equity
Real Estate Transactions
Secured Transactions – Article 9
Securities Litigation
Securities Regulation
Startup Law
Taxation
Tax Policy
Tech Mergers and Acquisitions
The Role of the General Counsel
Transnational Litigation and Arbitration
Venture Capital
Venture Funds: Structuring, Advising, and Regulation
White Collar Crime

Menu C—Related SLS Classes
These are other courses offered by the law school and recommended for CGP students with an interest in these areas, depending on offerings and availability. In general, courses on blockchain, cryptocurrency, environmental law, international trade, and intellectual property will fall into Menu C.

Artificial Intelligence Law
Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies: Law, Economics, Business and Policy
Blockchain Governance
Blockchain Tax
The Business of Water
Climate: Politics, Finance, and Infrastructure
Confronting Misinformation Online: Law and Policy
Current Issues in Net Neutrality
Data: Privacy, Property and Security
Digital Assets in the US: Legal, Theoretical and Regulatory Dimensions
Fintech Innovation and the Law
Foundations of Internet Speech Platform Regulation
Governing Artificial Intelligence: Law, Policy, and Institutions
Health Law: Finance and Insurance
Intellectual Property (all classes)
International Law
International Trade Law
International Trade Mediation
Leadership and Influence Skills for Lawyers
Net Neutrality
Video Game Law
Water Law

You are not limited to these classes in the law school and are encouraged to select any law school courses relevant to your practice and research interests. **LL.M. students considering taking the California or New York bar exams should also note specific requirements for bar admission in those jurisdictions.**

Some of the courses listed on Menu C may have prerequisites or limited enrollment, requiring you to enter into a lottery or obtain the instructor's consent. Please consult the course descriptions on the Law School course catalog at https://law.stanford.edu/courses/.

Menu D—Classes Outside the Law School/Cross-Registration
You are welcome and encouraged to take classes offered by other schools and departments at Stanford University outside of Stanford Law School.

You may count a maximum of 9 units of non-law classes towards your LL.M. degree. However, **if you are planning to seek admission to the New York bar, you are limited to taking 7 units outside of the law school** due to New York bar examiner regulations. If a non-law course is on this list https://law.stanford.edu/nl-course/, it has been pre-approved for law credit.[2] If not, you will need to complete a petition for non-law credit. You can find physical copies of this petition in the Registrar's office and digital copies on the Registrar's website

[2] If viewing this list before the start of the academic year, it may appear empty. Filter by "All Years & Quarters" to access the approved non-law courses.

https://law.stanford.edu/education/courses/forms-and-petitions/credit-for-stanford-non-law-course-petition/. Please note that **the deadline to submit this petition is the first Friday of the quarter in which the course is taken.**

You can find descriptions and schedules for all Stanford classes at http://explorecourses.stanford.edu and you may browse syllabi for many of those courses at http://syllabus.stanford.edu. Please refer to individual course descriptions for more information on prerequisites, suggested background prior to enrolling, and enrollment restrictions. Note that individual departments and schools set their own requirements for cross-registration.

If you do not take finance courses at the law school, then you are encouraged to take finance courses outside the law school, provided that you have mathematical skills demanded by the course (such as familiarity with calculus, statistics, and Excel). Such finance courses include:

- MS&E 145: Introduction to Finance and Investment
- MS&E 146/249: Corporate Financial Management
- MS&E 245A: Investment Science

Note that **cross-registering for courses at the Graduate School of Business is often competitive** for non-GSB students. Please pay close attention to the requirements, deadlines, and limitations here: https://www.gsb.stanford.edu/stanford-community/non-gsb-registration/students.