EXECUTIVE CERTIFICATES

The Executive Certificates in Space, Cyber and Telecommunications Law are designed for practicing attorneys interested in specializing and expanding their expertise in one of these emerging areas. The 12 credit hour, 2 year program is designed to allow certificate students to take only the courses that are pertinent to their direct interests and needs. Students select one of three certificate tracks: (1) Space Law, (2) Cyber and Cyber Security Law, or (3) Cyber and Telecommunications Law. Certificates are only open to those who already have a J.D. or a foreign law degree. Additionally, there is a strong preference for applicants to have a minimum of three years prior legal experience.

Executive Certificate in Space Law
(8 credit hours selected from the below list / 12 hours total required)

Space law is the study of the laws and regulations that impact most any activity taking place at an altitude of about 62 miles or higher, this encompasses all national and international law governing activities in outer space. This ranges from innovative new industries like commercial space flight, to scientific endeavors such as experiments heading to the International Space Station, to the business sector and aerospace companies launching satellites, and to military applications. Attorneys specializing in space law learn a unique mixture of international, U.S. administrative, and industry specific law, policy, history, and economics. Space law touches every practical step of getting any object or person into space, from conception, to launch, to re-entry.

An Executive Certificate in Space Law requires 8 credits from the following list:

• Space Law (2 credits) (required unless waived by the director due to experience in or prior study of space law).
• International Satellite Communications (1 credit)
• National Space Legislation (2 credits)
• Spectrum Management Law & Policy (1 credit)
• Researching Space Law (1 credit)
• Export Control Law: International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) (1 credit)
• National Security Space Law (1 credit)

Executive Certificate in Cyber and Cyber Security Law
(8 credit hours selected from the below list / 12 hours total required)

Cyber law (or Cyberlaw) is the study of the relationship of technological and electronic elements, including computers, software, hardware and information systems to the law. Cyber law encompasses commercial industries and private company data, as well as a vast number of military operations. From the Target hack, to cloud storage, to cyber warfare, the law interacts with technology in every practicable way. Attorneys who specialize in cyber law are on the cutting edge of what has been called “The Wild West” as regulation and policy lag behind advancements in technology.

An Executive Certificate in Cyber and Cyber Security Law requires 8 credits from following list (please note, in some cases 9 credit hours may be required):

• International Law (3 credits) (required unless waived by director due to experience in or prior study of international law).
• International Cyber Security: Mischief, Crime and Warfare (3 credits) (required)
• Cyberlaw (3 credits) (required)
• Spectrum Management Law and Policy (1 credit)
• International Satellite Communications (1 credit)

Executive Certificate in Telecommunication Law
(8 credit hours selected from the below list / 12 hours total required)

Telecommunications law covers every electronic communication and all broadcasting across the United States. This area is heavily regulated by federal law and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Despite a long regulatory history and significant federal laws, telecommunications law is not an area without controversy. Google is now spending more money lobbying in Washington DC than any oil company. From net neutrality to cable contracts to spectrum management the world of telecommunications law is growing and changing with technology.

Cyber and Telecommunications Law Certificate - 8 credits from following list:

• Domestic Telecommunications Law (3 credits) (required)
• Cyber Law (3 credits) (required)
• Spectrum Management Law and Policy (1 credit)
• International Satellite Communications (1 credit)

Application and Program Information

Students should apply via the Law School Admissions Counsel at lsac.org (http://law.unl.edu/lsac.org). The program will appear with the LLM applications and is Nebraska College of Law Application L5.

All credits may be completed online or in-person. Online students must participate live, synchronously in each class for 75% of class sessions, unless obtaining a waiver from faculty member teaching course and the director. Students enrolled in the certificate program, prior to completion of the certificate, can apply to transfer into the LL.M. degree. If admitted, credit hours will count towards the LL.M. degree, but there will be no tuition refunds for courses already begun. Students enrolled in the LL.M. program may not transfer to the certificate program or earn a certificate. Senior lawyers and officials only needing a specific course or two for specifically identified needs may be permitted to enroll as a non-degree student in a particular course or two without formally entering the certificate program. Such determinations will be made by the admissions committee. Any request to waive any of the requirements for the certificate must be approved by the director of the Space, Cyber and Telecommunications Program and the dean of the College of Law.

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