

Legal Studies, MLS (Online)

The Master of Legal Studies program is designed for professionals who want a deeper understanding of law and legal concepts. Such professionals may be found in nonprofit organizations, foundations, financial services firms, pharmaceutical companies, insurance firms, compliance departments, or a host of other commercial and noncommercial settings. Examples of the professionals who would be interested in this degree are human resource professionals, claims representatives for insurance companies, professionals in healthcare organizations, bank loan officers, real estate brokers, risk managers, government affairs officers, management consultants advising organizations, development officers working on planned giving, and software entrepreneurs. They desire to know more about the law and to be able to deal more effectively with the lawyers with whom they interact during their professional lives. The degree includes concentrations in human resources law, business law, intellectual property law, health law, and public law and policy.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

Foundation Courses

Code	Title	Hours
LS 6101	Introduction to Legal Studies 1: Law and Legal Reasoning	3
LS 6102	Introduction to Legal Studies 2	3

Core Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Complete at least four of the following:		12-18
LS 6110	Law of Information and Records	
LS 6120	Law and Strategy	
LS 6130	Negotiation and Advocacy	
LS 6140	Data Regulation and Compliance	
LS 6150	Law and Organizational Management	
LS 6155	Legal Foundations of Public Policy	

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Students who do not take a concentration must take 6–12 semester hours from this list to complete the degree:		6-12
LS 6160	Regulation and Global Business Strategies	
LS 6170	Financial Transactions	
LS 6180	Health Law Survey	
LS 6181	Healthcare Regulation and Compliance	
LS 6182	Patient Records, Privacy, and Security	
LS 6210	Special Topics in Employee Rights and Employer Obligations	
LS 6211	Antidiscrimination Law	
LS 6212	Wages and Benefits	
LS 6230	Intellectual Property Survey	
LS 6231	Identifying and Securing Intellectual Property Rights	
LS 6232	Intellectual Property and Media	
LS 6235	Current Issues in Law and Public Policy	

Concentration Options

Students may choose to complete one of the concentrations described below. Students who pursue a concentration must take the two required foundation courses, at least four core courses, the courses listed in the concentration, and at least one additional course from the list of electives.

CONCENTRATION IN BUSINESS LAW

Code	Title	Hours
LS 6160	Regulation and Global Business Strategies	3
LS 6170	Financial Transactions	3
LS 6230	Intellectual Property Survey	3
or LS 6210	Special Topics in Employee Rights and Employer Obligations	

CONCENTRATION IN HEALTH LAW

Code	Title	Hours
LS 6180	Health Law Survey	3
LS 6181	Healthcare Regulation and Compliance	3
LS 6182	Patient Records, Privacy, and Security	3

CONCENTRATION IN HUMAN RESOURCES LAW

Code	Title	Hours
LS 6210	Special Topics in Employee Rights and Employer Obligations	3
LS 6211	Antidiscrimination Law	3
LS 6212	Wages and Benefits	3

CONCENTRATION IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

Code	Title	Hours
LS 6230	Intellectual Property Survey	3
LS 6231	Identifying and Securing Intellectual Property Rights	3
LS 6232	Intellectual Property and Media	3

CONCENTRATION IN PUBLIC LAW AND POLICY

Code	Title	Hours
LS 6155	Legal Foundations of Public Policy	3
LS 6235	Current Issues in Law and Public Policy	3

Complete one of the following:

LPSC 7311	Strategizing Public Policy	4
PPUA 6500	Principles of Public Administration	
PPUA 6502	Economic Analysis for Policy and Planning	
PPUA 6506	Techniques of Policy Analysis	
PPUA 6507	Institutional Leadership and the Public Manager	
PPUA 6551	Nonprofit Organizations and Social Change	
PPUA 6552	The Nonprofit Sector in Civil Society and Public Affairs	

Program Credit/GPA Requirements

30 total semester hours required

Minimum 3.000 GPA required