

MASTER OF LEGAL STUDIES

Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating from this program will:

- 1. Describe law and legal institutions relevant to the delivery of legal services in industry settings
- 2. Appraise the applicability of laws and regulations to factual circumstances encountered in industry settings
- 3. Design and implement a competent research strategy for legal problems appropriate to the resources available
- 4. Illustrate effective communication of legal rules and legal analysis in an industry setting
- 5. Judge the applicability of regulatory constraints applicable to work of non-attorneys outside of the direct supervision of licensed legal professionals

The Master of Legal Studies (MLS) provides master's-level legal training for nonlawyers. It requires completion of 30 credit hours in a part-time, online modality over five semesters. Students will be required to take five introductory courses (11 credit hours) and two required capstone courses (3 credit hours).

The remaining 16 credit hours will be Elective/Emphasis course work. In addition to a general MLS, students may choose an emphasis in compliance law, health law, or human resources law, areas that are in high demand. To satisfy an emphasis, student must take at least 12 credits from approved emphasis course work as approved by the academic advisor from courses identified below or as approved by the advisor.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Required Coursework: | | |
| LAW 5001 | Legal Method | 3 |
| LAW 5002 | US Legal Framework | 2 |
| LAW 5003 | Professional Writing with Legal Issues | 3 |
| LAW 5004 | Legal Research for Non-Lawyer Professionals | 1 |
| LAW 5010 | Professional Ethics | 2 |
| Elective/Emphasis Coursework | | 16 |
| LAW 5015 | Master of Legal Studies Bridge | |
| LAW 5020 | Contract Formation, Review and Drafting (All Emphases) | |
| LAW 5021 | Privacy Regulation (All Emphases) | |
| LAW 5022 | Wellness Compliance (All Emphases) | |
| LAW 5030 | Health Care Compliance (All Emphases) | |
| LAW 5040 | Corporate Compliance (Compliance Law Emphasis) | |
| LAW 5041 | Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance (All Emphases) | |
| LAW 5639B | Legal Technology Competency | |
| LAW 5714 | Administrative Law (Compliance Law Emphasis) | |
| LAW 5714S | Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & the Law (All Emphases) | |
| LAW 5760 | Insurance Law (All Emphases) | |
| LAW 5761M | Law, Medicine and Bioethics (Health Law Emphasis) | |
| LAW 5773C | Environmental Compliance, Auditing and Permitting (Compliance Law) | |
| LAW 5793A | Liability and Quality Issues in Healthcare (Health Law Emphasis) | |
| LAW 5793B | Regulation, Organization, and Finance of Healthcare (Health Law Emphasis) | |
| LAW 5813 | Employment Discrimination Law (Compliance Law and Human Resources Law Emphases) | |
| LAW 5814 | Employment Law (Compliance Law & Human Resources Law Emphases) | |
| LAW 5815R | Disabilities and the Law (Compliance Law and Human Resources Law Emphases) | |
| NURSE 5528 | Healthcare Policy & Advocacy (Health Law Emphasis) | |
| NURSE 5611 | Healthcare Economics & Quality (Health Law Emphasis) | |
| Educational Experiences * | | |
| LAW 5011 | Learning from the Work Environment | 1 |
| LAW 5012 | Capstone Portfolio | 2 |
| Total Credits | | 30 |

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- * In addition to course work, two important educational experiences for MLS students are obtained through the two capstone experiences: Law 5011 - Learning from the Work Environment and Law 5012 - Capstone Portfolio. The Learning from the Work Environment is a seminar in which students put their work experiences into an academic framework. The Capstone Portfolio course provides a mechanism for students to reflect on and present what they have learned through their MLS studies.