

LAW - MASTER OF STUDIES IN LAW (MSL)

Colorado Law's Master of Studies in Law (MSL) degree is a one-year, 28-credit, no-LSAT-required program that enables students who hold at least an undergraduate degree to obtain legal training short of a full Juris Doctor (JD). Increasingly, emerging job markets have openings that require some legal knowledge and employers are assigning a number of legal tasks traditionally performed by lawyers to non-lawyers. Colorado Law's MSL will prepare students to obtain and excel in those positions. MSL students will be admitted into one of three specialty tracks: ethics and compliance, patent law, or human rights law.

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All MSL students will take courses designed specifically for MSL students—one that introduces them to the American legal system, and one that introduces them to legal research, writing and analysis. In addition to those introductory courses, MSL students will take required and elective courses, alongside JD students, relevant to their specialty track.

Ethics and Compliance Curriculum

The ethics and compliance track trains students to become compliance and ethics officers at large corporations, as well as at nonprofit entities, such as colleges, universities, and hospitals. These organizations are subject to an increasing number of legal requirements and need trained professionals to lead effective in-house programs to ensure compliance with statutes and regulations.

This track prepares students to develop, improve, and manage ethics and compliance programs and help organizations obey the law, reduce the risk of fraud, other law-breaking, and misconduct, and mitigate their firms' legal liability and reputation risk. Students have the opportunity to focus on specific fields of law, such as privacy/cybersecurity, healthcare and financial services.

Human Rights Curriculum

The human rights track trains students in international human rights law and policy for professionals from a wide variety of academic backgrounds. During this one-year degree program, MSL students will take 28-credits of courses, including core and elective courses on a range of topics related to the international human rights system. The program of study includes a special topics course that features a series of speakers who are well-known academics from other universities or practitioners in human rights NGOs or international institutions.

Patent Law Curriculum

The MSL in Patent Law allows individuals with engineering and science degrees to pursue an interesting and in-demand career as patent agents. Increasingly, emerging job markets have openings that require some legal knowledge, and employers frequently assign legal tasks traditionally performed by lawyers to non-lawyers. Colorado Law's MSL will prepare students to obtain and excel in these positions. Upon completion of the MSL in Patent Law degree, students will be prepared to sit for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) Patent Bar Exam.

Requirements

MSL students will be admitted into one of three specialty tracks and take courses specifically tailored for that track. Colorado Law's Master of Studies in Law (MSL) in Human Rights is an advanced degree program that offers training in international human rights law and policy for professionals from a wide variety of academic backgrounds. The MSL in ethics and compliance is designed to prepare prospective ethics and compliance officers in privacy/cybersecurity, health care and financial services. The MSL in Patent Law allows individuals with engineering and