THE M.S.L. DEGREE offered by The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law is designed as a flexible program for people who want to learn about the law in order to strengthen their professional skills. Does law crossover into your area of expertise? Would knowing about certain legal practices, laws and regulations help advance your career?

To receive the M.S.L. degree, a student must satisfactorily complete 30 semester hours at the Moritz College of Law. A full-time student typically will be able to complete the program in one academic year. Part-time students generally will be expected to complete the requirements for the M.S.L. degree within four academic years.

Students will join J.D. candidates in first-year and advanced courses taught by award-winning professors. The College’s faculty includes six former U.S. Supreme Court clerks and dozens more have equally remarkable careers as attorneys and educators.

To provide students with a solid foundation in legal principles and doctrine, Moritz includes three traditional first-year courses in its M.S.L. curriculum. Beyond that, students can work with the Faculty Director to design their own curriculum, or complete a concentration in one of the following areas:

- Business Law
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Dispute Resolution
- Intellectual Property
- International Law
- Labor and Employment Law

Admission Requirements:

Applicants should have either:

- A Ph.D. or other doctoral degree in a discipline other than law, or
- Completed a program of study amounting to 45 quarter hours (or 30 semester hours) toward the doctoral degree.

In special cases, particular admission requirements may be waived.

Applicants also must have recent results from:

- the Law School Admissions Test
- Graduate Record Examination
- Graduate Management Admissions Test
- Medical College Admissions Test
- or an equivalent test. International applicants also must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

Why an M.S.L. at Ohio State?

… The degree distinguishes you from others in your profession.

… A flexible schedule allows you to take the number of classes per semester that fit your busy schedule.

… The M.S.L. expands your knowledge of law that is relevant to your career without making the three-year J.D. commitment.
An alternative to the traditional three-year J.D. degree, the Master in the Study of Law (M.S.L.) degree is designed to help accomplished professionals in other disciplines expand their knowledge of legal principles and the U.S. legal system. At Ohio State, students in the M.S.L. program attend self-selected classes alongside full-time law students at one of the country’s top 10 public law schools.