Master in the Study of Law (M.S.L.)

Concentration: Legal Environment of Business

Concentration Curriculum
Offerings subject to change. View course descriptions below.

Credit Requirement
Students must complete at least 30 credits to earn the M.S.L degree

Required M.S.L. Courses
All M.S.L. students must take the two foundational M.S.L. program courses:

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<td>LAW 8550: Legal Research and Writing</td>
<td>Fall/Summer</td>
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<td>LAW 8525: Intro to US Legal System</td>
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Core Concentration Courses
Students must take at least 3 of the following courses to graduate with a concentration in the Legal Environment of Business:

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<td>LAW 7200.1: Business Associations</td>
<td>Spring*//Summer</td>
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<td>LAW 8109: Employment Discrimination Law</td>
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<td>LAW 8100: Employment Law</td>
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<td>LAW 8103: Labor Law</td>
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<td>LAW 7228: Regulatory Compliance</td>
<td>Fall</td>
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*Business Associations will be offered online, except in Spring 2023 it will be in-person but recorded for those who can't attend classes in person.

Elective Concentration Courses
Students must take at least 12 additional credits from among the Core Concentration Courses and/or following courses:

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<td>LAW 8300: Antitrust</td>
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<td>LAW 7210: Business Bankruptcy</td>
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<td>LAW 8700: Federal Income Taxation</td>
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<td>LAW 7224: Mergers and Acquisitions</td>
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LAW 7215: Securities | Fall | In person (recordings available) | 3

LAW 8818: Sports Law | Spring | In Person | 2

**Optional Courses**

Students may take the remaining credits to complete the 30-credit requirement from any other available in-person courses listed in the College’s course catalogue. Optional courses may vary year to year. Explore Fall 2022 Course Schedule and Spring 2023 Course Schedule.

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REQUIRED M.S.L. FOUNDATIONAL COURSES
Intro to US Legal System (3 credits) - online
The course provides an introduction to the basic structure of the US legal system, including the Constitution, the separation of powers, and federalism. The course introduces students to foundational principles underlying many substantive areas of law, including among other topics administrative law, contracts, criminal law, property, and torts. The course also describes the adversary system, the state and federal court systems, and the legal profession generally.

Legal Research and Writing (3 credits) - online
The course provides MSL students with a foundation in conducting legal research, reading legal materials, and analyzing those materials. The course will help students learn how to find, read, and use cases, statutes, and secondary materials. Students will also develop an understanding of how to review contracts by learning contract drafting style and conventions, key types of provisions (such as declarations, covenants, and representations and warranties), and important contractual provisions. Finally, students will hone their writing skills by learning how lawyers communicate and how to communicate like lawyers, both informally (through, for example, email correspondence) as well as in more formal persuasive writing.

CONCENTRATION COURSES
Antitrust (3 credits) – in-person
This course examines the statutory prohibitions upon cartel behavior and upon monopolization and attempts to monopolize, as well as the intersection of economics and the law with respect to how market power is identified and defined. The course also examines various business practices that allegedly either restrain trade or increase market power.

Business Associations (3-4 credits) - online
This course provides an introduction to the laws governing business entities. We will examine the structure and characteristics of modern business organizations, particularly publicly traded and closely held business corporations. Significant emphasis is placed upon the nature of the corporate governance system and the fiduciary obligations of directors and officers.

Business Bankruptcy (3 credits) – in-person
The course will focus on the business bankruptcy process, principally Chapter 11 reorganizations. Topics to be addressed include the basics of federal bankruptcy law, including the automatic stay, avoidance of fraudulent and preferential transfers, treatment of executory contracts, operation of a company during bankruptcy, sale of assets in Chapter 11 and formulation and confirmation of a plan of reorganization.

Employment Discrimination Law (4 credits) - online
This course addresses developments in civil rights law in the context of the workplace. We will look at the growing body of law designed to protect against discrimination based on race,
gender, national origin, religion, age, disability and sexual orientation. The main focus of the course will be on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.

**Employment Law (4 credits) – in-person**
This course focuses on federal and state regulation of the employment relationship, including constitutional, statutory, and common-law restrictions on employer activities. Subjects covered include negligent hiring and retention, invasion of privacy, wrongful discharge, and unemployment insurance, among other topics.

**Federal Income Taxation (4 credits) – in-person**
The course provides an introduction to the basic principles of the federal income tax. The principal subject areas include: (1) characteristics of income; (2) allowable deductions and exemptions; (3) timing issues; (4) income splitting; (5) preferential tax provisions including capital gains; and (6) brief examination of other methods of taxation including consumption tax and flat tax proposals.

**Financial Compliance (3 credits) - online**
This course helps students understand the laws, regulations, and policies covering financial services compliance, including money laundering, data protection, SEC filings, and whistleblowing. Students will explore the fundamental elements and risks that impact financial services compliance. The course provides a review of the work and ethical obligations of a financial services compliance officer, including compliance officers' liability, expectations, risks and effectiveness. The course then provides a substantive review of relevant financial services regulations, including, challenges on compliance officers and provides a way forward to convert these challenges into opportunities.

**Labor Law (4 credits) – in-person**
This course will explore federal regulation of labor-management relations in private sector, focusing upon employee organizational and representational rights; selection of bargaining representative; collective bargaining process; contract administration and enforcement; and the union's duty of fair representation.

**Mergers and Acquisitions (2-3 credits) – in-person**
This course explores the planning of corporate mergers, acquisitions, and reorganizations, examining the application and integration of state corporate law, federal securities law, accounting principles, tax law, labor law, products liability law, environmental law, ERISA, and antitrust law.

**Regulatory Compliance (3 credits) - online**
This course will analyze the legal, ethical and policy foundations of regulatory compliance: the effort to translate statutory requirements into compliant corporate and individual behavior.

**Securities (3 credits) – in-person and recorded**
The course covers the regulation of distributions of securities by issuers and their affiliates under the Federal Securities Act of 1933 and the regulation of the securities trading markets by the Securities & Exchange Act of 1934.
Sports Law (2 credits) – in-person
The course will cover negotiations generally and in the sports context, as well as topics in professional sports law (league governance, labor, anti-trust, tort, current events and criminal law, etc.)

OPTIONAL COURSES (in-person)
Course descriptions are available here.