

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

ONLINE COURSE LIST

(14 courses)

Fall Semester:

- Introduction to the US Legal System (required for all M.S.L. students), LAW-8525 (3 credits)
- Legal Research and Writing (required for all M.S.L. students), LAW-8550 (3 credits)
- Contracts, LAW-6121.1 (3 credits)
- Negotiation, LAW-7106.1 (3 credits)
- Regulatory Compliance, LAW-7228 (3 credits)
- Securities, LAW-7215 (3 credits)

Spring Semester:

- Business Associations, LAW-7200.1 (3 credits)
- Cyberlaw, LAW-7804 (3 credits)
- Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Regulation and Compliance, LAW-8889 (3 credits)
- Employment Discrimination, LAW-8109 (3 credits)
- Federal Income Taxation, LAW- 8700 (4 credits)
- Financial Compliance, (2 credits)
- Health Care Compliance (2 credits)
- Introduction to Tech and IP Transactions (2 credits)

Summer Semester:

- Business Associations, LAW-7200.1 (3 credits)
- Introduction to the US Legal System (required for all M.S.L. students), LAW-8525 (3 credits)
- Legal Research and Writing (required for all M.S.L. students), LAW-8550 (3 credits)

DESCRIPTIONS

Introduction to the US Legal System (required for all M.S.L. students), LAW-8525 (3 credits): 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.

****Offered in Fall and Summer semesters****

Legal Research and Writing (required for all M.S.L. students), LAW-8550 (3 credits): 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. ****Offered in Fall and Summer semesters****

Business Associations, LAW-7200.1 (3 credits): 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 Associations course counts towards the following concentrations:

Concentration	Required/Core/Elective	Semester
Legal Environment of Business	Core	Spring and Summer
Health Law	Elective	
Compliance	Elective	

Contracts, LAW-6121.1 (3 credits): focuses on when promises are given legal weight, how contracts are formed, when they are and are not enforced, what their terms mean, and what remedies are available when they are breached. In addition, students discuss contract negotiation and drafting, legal planning issues, and international and comparative aspects of

contract law. The course emphasizes both the influence of contract law on transactions and how courts deal with contracts in legal disputes.

Contracts course counts towards the following concentrations:

Concentration	Required/Core/Elective	Semester
Legal Environment of Business	Elective	Fall
Compliance	Elective	

Cyberlaw, LAW-7804 (3 credits): Can the internet be regulated? Who gets to decide? What is the law of the internet? How is it enforced? Is the internet special or exceptional, or is it simply a new variation on long-standing structures? This course will examine the law of the internet – some things old (traditional legal concepts applied to new technological and legal constructs); some things new (government regulation specific to “cyberspace”); and the merging of both old and new legal concepts to govern ever-changing technologies.

Cyberlaw course counts towards the following concentrations:

Concentration	Required/Core/Elective	Semester
IP & Tech Law	Core	Spring
Compliance	Core	

Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Regulation and Compliance, LAW-8889 (3 credits): examines the legal, policy, operational and risk management issues related to data privacy and data protection in a digital world. Data privacy law affects a vast range of businesses, products, and processes, including social media, marketing, healthcare, manufacturing, finance, retail, and technology. This course reviews U.S. federal and state law and regulations in depth and provides an overview of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and other global data protection schemes. It adopts an operational approach that focuses on a privacy lawyer or privacy professional’s role within the corporate environment, touching on the various aspects a data privacy function has on legal and compliance, information technology, marketing, human resources, information security, and internal audit.

Data Privacy & Cybersecurity Regulation & Compliance course counts towards the following concentrations:

Concentration	Required/Core/Elective	Semester
IP & Tech Law	Elective	Spring
Compliance	Core	

****Note: the Data Privacy course has an in-person section offered in the Fall 2022****

Employment Discrimination, LAW-8109 (3 credits): 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.

Concentration	Required/Core/Elective	Semester
Legal Environment of Business	Core	Spring
Compliance	Elective	

Federal Income Taxation, LAW- 8700 (4 credits): draws upon philosophy, economic theory, and political science to explore fundamental questions about the distribution of wealth in society. Using these constructs, the class will compare existing and proposed systems of taxation from both the United States and abroad, and it will highlight the tension inherent in the underlying goals and the effects of these systems.

Federal Income Taxation course counts towards the following concentrations:

Concentration	Required/Core/Elective	Semester
Legal Environment of Business	Elective	Spring
Compliance	Elective	

Financial Compliance, (2 credits): 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.

Financial Compliance course counts towards the following concentrations:

Concentration	Required/Core/Elective	Semester
Legal Environment of Business	Elective	Spring
Compliance	Core	

Health Care Compliance (2 credits): provides a practical approach to understanding the basic elements of a modern health care compliance program. The course provides a practical, case-

study-based approach to a modern health care information management and compliance. Students will learn the role of compliance officers in implementing a compliance program, and will develop an understanding of the rules and regulations that are foundational to a health care compliance program, including obtaining patient consent, protecting health care information, and managing health care-related documentation and reporting obligations. Students will also learn how to help develop policies and procedures, provide employee training, and assist with compliance audits.

Health Care Compliance course counts towards the following concentrations:

Concentration	Required/Core/Elective	Semester
Health Law	Core	Spring
Compliance	Core	

Introduction to Tech and IP Transactions (2 credits): provides an overview of the types of tech and IP contracts, including basics on copyright, patents, trademark, trade secrets in these contracts, tech and IP issues in mergers and acquisitions, and important contract provisions for the procurement and provision of technology.

Introduction to Tech & IP Transactions course counts towards the following concentrations:

Concentration	Required/Core/Elective	Semester
Health Law	Elective	Spring
IP & Tech Law	Core	

Negotiation, LAW-7106.1 (3 credits): offers skills and strategies for effective negotiation and mediation advocacy emphasizing the importance of building working relationships and achieving better outcomes in individual and group negotiation and mediation. Two broad objectives have been built into the course design: to practice basic negotiation skills through interactive exercises and to familiarize the student with various strategies for dispute resolution other than resolving differences through litigation.

Negotiation course counts towards the following concentration:

Concentration	Required/Core/Elective	Semester
Dispute Resolution	Core	Fall

Regulatory Compliance, LAW-7228 (3 credits): analyzes the legal, ethical and policy foundations of regulatory compliance: the effort to translate statutory requirements into compliant corporate and individual behavior. *****Offered in Fall semester*****

Regulatory Compliance course counts towards the following concentrations:

Concentration	Required/Core/Elective	Semester
Compliance	Required	Fall
Legal Environment of Business	Core	

Securities, LAW-7215 (3 credits): 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.

Securities course will count towards the following concentrations:

Concentration	Required/Core/Elective	Semester
Compliance	Elective	Fall
Legal Environment of Business	Elective	