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

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
MORITZ COLLEGE OF LAW

Concentration:
Compliance

Concentration Curriculum

Offerings subject to change. View course descriptions below.

Credit Requirement:

Students must complete 30 credits to earn the M.S.L degree. To graduate with a concentration in Compliance, students must complete at least 15 credits of compliance-related coursework ("Compliance Concentration Courses"). These 15 credits count toward the 30-credit requirement to graduate from the M.S.L. program.

Required M.S.L. Foundational Courses (6 credits)

All M.S.L. students, pursuing a concentration or not, must take the two foundational M.S.L. program courses:

Course	Semester	Modality	Credits
LAW 8550: Legal Research and Writing	Fall & Summer	Online	3
LAW 8525: Intro to US Legal Systems	Spring & Summer	Online	3

Compliance Concentration Courses (15 credits)

Core Concentration Courses
Students must take Regulatory Compliance (LAW 7228) and at least three (03) core courses from the table below:

Course	Semester	Modality	Credits	Required
LAW 7228: Regulatory Compliance	Fall	Online	3	YES
LAW 7229: Health Care Compliance	Spring	Online	3	
LAW 8530: Financial Services Compliance	Spring	Online	3	
LAW 7805: Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Regulation and Compliance	Spring	Online	3	
LAW 8889: HR Compliance	Fall	Online	3	

Elective Concentration Courses
Students may select one additional course from among the above-listed core courses or from among the elective concentration courses below to complete the required 15 credits to earn a concentration in Compliance:

Course	Semester	Modality	Credits
Law 7200.1: Business Associations	Summer	Online	3
Law 8100: Employment Law	Fall	In person	4
Law 8109: Employment Discrimination Law	Spring	Online	3
Law 8889: Federal Income Taxation	Summer	Online	3
LAW 7804: Law of Cyberspace	Summer	Online	3
Law 7215: Securities	Spring	In Person (Recordings Available)	3

Other Elective Courses

To meet the 30-credit requirement for the M.S.L. degree, students may complete the remaining credits in any other compliance concentration courses listed above and/or any other online or in-person courses in other fields of law available to M.S.L. students. View available online and in-person courses on the M.S.L. Academic Information webpage. Note that in-person courses may vary year to year. View a catalogue of in-person course here.

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Course Descriptions

REQUIRED M.S.L. FOUNDATIONAL COURSES

Intro to US Legal System (3 credits) – online
The course introduces 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.

COMPLIANCE CONCENTRATION COURSES

Concentration Core Courses:
Regulatory Compliance (3 credits) – online; REQUIRED
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.

Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Regulation and Compliance (3 credits) – online
This course 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.

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.

Health Care Compliance (3 credits) – online:
Heath Care Compliance 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.

HR Compliance (3 credits) – online: description is forthcoming.

Concentration Elective Courses
Business Associations (3 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.

Employment Discrimination Law (3 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 (3 credits) – online
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.

Law of Cyberspace (3 credits) - online
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.

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.

OTHER ELECTIVE COURSES (online and/or in-person)
View descriptions for in-person course here.
View descriptions for online courses.