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 IP and Technology Law, students must complete at least 15 credits of coursework related to this area of law (“IP & Tech 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:

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<td>LAW 8550: Legal Research and Writing</td>
<td>Fall &amp; Summer</td>
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<td>LAW 8525: Intro to US Legal Systems</td>
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IP and Tech Concentration Courses (15 credits)

Core Concentration Courses
Students must take at least three (03) of the following core courses:

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<td>LAW 7805: Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Regulation and Compliance</td>
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<td>LAW 8889: Introduction to Tech &amp; IP Transactions</td>
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**Elective Concentration Courses**

Students may complete the remaining credits from among the core courses above and/or the elective concentration courses below to meet the minimum 15-credit requirement in IP and Technology Law coursework.

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<td>LAW 7800: Copyright Law</td>
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<td>LAW 7803: Trademark</td>
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<td>LAW 8896: Biotechnology Law and Policy*</td>
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<td>LAW 7812: Patent Prosecution or LAW 7809: Patent Law</td>
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<td>LAW 8811: Food &amp; Drug Law*</td>
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<td>LAW 7117: Dispute Resolution in the Digital Age</td>
<td>Fall</td>
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*These courses are offered on a rotating basis every other year

**Other Elective Courses**

To meet the 30-credit requirement for the M.S.L. degree, students may complete the remaining credits in any other IP and Technology Law 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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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.

IP AND TECHNOLOGY LAW CONCENTRATION COURSES

Core Concentration Courses

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.

Introduction to Intellectual Property (3 credits) – in-person
This is a survey course that introduces the basic principles of intellectual property law. It will cover each of the three major federal IP regimes (patent, copyright, trademark) and touch briefly on the related state doctrine of trade secret law. The overarching goal is to understand why we create information entitlements, and how the existing doctrinal approaches fit together within that space.

Introduction to Tech & IP Transactions (3 credits) - online
This course 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.

**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.

**Elective Concentration Courses**

**Biotechnology Law and Policy (2 credits) – in-person**
An interdisciplinary approach to examining many of the legal, business, ethical, and policy issues raised by the biotechnology industry.

**Contracts (3 credits) – online**
This course 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.

**Copyright Law (3-4 credits) – in-person**
This course will provide an in-depth view of U.S. copyright law, the legal regime governing rights in original works of authorship (books, music, movies, artworks, photographs, software, etc.). Topics covered include: copyright's underlying policies and theoretical framework, the requirements for copyright ability under the Copyright Act, among other topics.

**Food & Drug Law (3 credits) – in-person**
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which is tasked with protecting and promoting the public health, is one of the most powerful administrative agencies in the federal government, regulating approximately 25% of the U.S. consumer economy. This course will explore various FDA law and policy issues, including the scope of FDA’s jurisdiction, the relationship between FDA, the President, Congress, and the courts, how FDA interacts with industry and other stakeholders, how FDA addresses emerging technologies, and how FDA addresses public health emergencies, like the COVID-19 pandemic. The course involves various general legal doctrines, including common law, constitutional law, administrative law, and statutory interpretation. Specific to FDA, we will cover some topics that are common to all of the product areas that the FDA regulates, such as the FDA’s civil and criminal enforcement powers, as well as product-specific legal and policy questions with respect to food, drugs, biologics (including vaccines), devices, and tobacco products.

**Dispute Resolution in the Digital Age (3 credits) – in-person**
This course explores the online dispute resolution (ODR) systems and use of technology by major companies in addressing legal problems. the class also will include deep consideration of
both the potential and drawbacks of ODR systems. Therefore, we also will discuss development of best practices and question policy directions. For starters, consider whether rules regarding alternative dispute resolution (“ADR”) offline could or should apply to ODR? How does technology change the equation? Can ODR be effective when parties are not looking into the eyes of the other side? How can offline neutrals best translate their skills online? How can technology merge with face-to-face ADR to make it more effective? What ethical challenges does ODR present? Are there contexts in which ODR should be banned?

**Patent Law (3 credits) – in-person**
This course will cover the basic elements of patent law, including patentable subject matter, utility, novelty, non-obviousness, claims, disclosure and enforcement of patents—all in light of the recently enacted America Invents Act. There is no expectation that students in the class will have the technical knowledge to prosecute patents.

**Patent Prosecution (3 credits) – in-person**
This course will focus on patent prosecution practice and will combine a study of case law and the rules and regulations applicable to patent applications. The course will cover issues of compliance with U.S.C. sections 102, 103, and 112; claim drafting; how patent applications are processed; and how to respond to various actions by the Patent and Trademark Office.

**Trademark Law (2 credits) – in-person**
This course will explore the following: creation, enforcement, and limitation of trademark rights; and related unfair competition issues.

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