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

Concentration: Health Law

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; at least 15 credits of health law-related coursework count toward this 30-credit requirement.

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>Spring &amp; 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 Health Law (3 credits) and at least one of the following courses to graduate with a concentration in Health Law:

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<td>LAW 8809: Health Law</td>
<td>Fall</td>
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<td>Health Care Compliance</td>
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<td>LAW 6124: Legislation and Regulation</td>
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<td>LAW 8810: Public Health Law</td>
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**Elective Concentration Courses**
Students must take at least 9 additional credits from among the Core Concentration Courses and/or following courses:

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<td>LAW 8306: Administrative Law</td>
<td>Spring</td>
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<td>LAW 8896.74: Sem: Biotechnology Law and Policy</td>
<td>Spring</td>
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<td>LAW 7805: Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Regulation and Compliance</td>
<td>Fall</td>
<td>Online or In-person (both are available to MSL students)</td>
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<td>LAW 8811: Food and Drug Law</td>
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<td>LAW 7401: Forensic Mental Health Law</td>
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<td>LAW 8535: Introduction to Tech &amp; IP Transactions</td>
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<td>LAW 8896.38: Marijuana Law and Policy</td>
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<td>LAW 7812: Patent Prosecution</td>
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<td>LAW 7228: Regulatory Compliance</td>
<td>Fall</td>
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**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.

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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
Administrative Law (3 credits) – in-person
A study of the administrative law process, concentrating upon the functions and procedures of federal administrative agencies and judicial review of agency actions. Administrative law provides a framework to understand the basic administrative process and its control by the three branches of government.

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

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.

Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Regulation and Compliance (3 credits) – online or in person
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.

**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.

**Forensic Mental Health Law (3 credits) – in-person**
This course discusses the civil and criminal aspects of mental health case law including involuntary civil commitment, competence to stand trial, and sanity at the time of the act.

**Health Law (3 credits) – in-person**
This course focuses on selected issues in healthcare and clinical research; professional relationships in healthcare, the obligation to provide care, medical malpractice, healthcare privacy, end-of-life and other ethical issues, the business structure and regulation of the health care industry, healthcare fraud, abuse and antitrust, and the regulation of clinical research.

**Health Care Compliance (3 credits) - online**
Health 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.

**Introduction to Tech & IP Transactions (3 credits) - online**
A survey course providing an introduction to the basic theories of intellectual property rights (IPRs): trademark, trade secrets, patent, copyright). The course also covers: confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements; software licensing; professional service agreements; software as a service; IP contract drafting and negotiation; and third party risk management.

**Legislation and Regulation (3 credits) – in-person**
This course is an introduction to law-making and the modern administrative state. It is critical for lawyers in most, if not all, areas of practice—whether litigators or transactional lawyers—to be
familiar the concepts covered in this course. Lawyers are increasingly required to help their clients understand and comply with, or even influence, legislation and regulation. And some of the most controversial issues of our time—including some of those dominating recent headlines—feature statutory and regulatory questions. For instance, rescission of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, the fate of the Affordable Care Act, and the legality of cannabis all involve questions related to this course. The course also examines the way Congress and administrative agencies adopt binding rules of law—statutes and regulations, respectively—and the way that implementing institutions—courts and agencies—interpret and apply these laws.

Marijuana Law and Policy (2 credits) – in-person
This seminar will examine the social and historical backdrop of intoxicant prohibition, and assess the legal reforms and political debates now surrounding the control and regulation of marijuana use.

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.

Public Health Law (3 credits) – in-person
This course will survey the legal framework of government public health regulations by examining the sources and limitations of the government’s authority to address current policy issues.

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.

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