

Master of Legal Studies (MLS)

If you want to understand legal principles and use them to elevate your career without actually becoming a lawyer, the Master of Legal Studies (MLS) at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University is for you. The MLS program is a 30-credit graduate program for those interested in learning about the law or whose work intersects with the law. The MLS program is flexible, offering full-time and part-time schedules, as well as on-ground and online options. The MLS program offers start dates in the fall, spring, and summer.

The MLS is fully customizable and you don't have to follow a prescribed curriculum. You can focus your MLS on popular areas of study or pursue an MLS concurrently with several graduate degrees offered from the W. P. Carey School of Business, the School of Sustainability, or the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Application Deadlines (This year's application fee is **waived**.)

Fall: **July 31** (June 1 for students requiring a visa)

Spring: **November 30** (November 1 for students requiring a visa)

Summer: **May 1**

Application Process

In order to be admitted to the MLS program, you must have completed a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in the United States or attained a comparable degree from a foreign institution. Graduate school entrance exams (e.g. LSAT, GRE, GMAT) are not required. All MLS applicants are required to complete the MLS application online at law.asu.edu/MLSApply.

U.S. educated applicants can apply through our FastApp process, which streamlines the application process and may allow for an offer of conditional admission to the MLS program while the applicant continues to submit any additional requested documentation.

For the FastApp application to be considered complete, it must include:

- The complete MLS FastApp application form and the following uploaded documents:
 - » An unofficial transcript from all undergraduate institutions attended
 - » Resume that does not exceed three typed pages.

If a decision cannot be made from your FastApp, our Admissions team may request additional information from you, including any or all of the following:

- » Personal statement
- » Writing sample
- » Explanations to affirmative answers to any conduct questions
- » Two letters of recommendation
- » Transcripts from all institutions attended, including the transcript showing a bachelor's degree was conferred

ASU Law Alumni

ASU Law graduates are eligible to receive an exclusive, low-cost preferred tuition rate for the MLS through our Law for Life program.

Program webinars and on-campus information sessions are held regularly. Please visit law.asu.edu/events for dates and registration options.



Focused Programs

ASU Law students can take advantage of popular focus areas, regardless of the degree they are pursuing, to fit their interests and career goals. Students gain unparalleled opportunities to practice law or master legal principles in a variety of fields that prepare them to thrive within a changing legal landscape.

- Business Law
- Conflict Resolution
- Criminal Law
- Entrepreneurship Law and Strategy
- Health Law
- HR and Employment Law
- Indian Law
- International Law
- International Rule of Law and Security
- Law and Sustainability
- Patent Practice
- Science and Technology Law

MLS in Patent Practice

The MLS in Patent Practice provides students with a detailed understanding of patent law and a general understanding of intellectual property and the U.S. legal system. Skills gained enable students to successfully assist clients in securing rights for their patentable inventions.

MLS Online (Emphases offered)

- Corporate and Health Care Compliance
- Criminal Law
- HR and Employment Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Sports Law and Business
- Sustainability Law