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 (MLS Online only).

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

Fall: August 7 (June 1 for students requiring a visa)  
Spring: November 30 (November 1 for students requiring a visa)  
Summer: May 1 (MLS Online only)

In honor of ASU Law’s 50th anniversary, we are waiving this year’s application fee.

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.

For an application to be considered complete, it must include the MLS application and the following uploaded documents:

- Personal statement no longer than 1,250 words on double-spaced, typed pages
- Resume that does not exceed three typed pages
- 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

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