Legal Studies, MLS

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MLS Legal Studies

The MLS is a unique graduate program offered to established professionals or academicians whose work intersects with the law but who do not want to become attorneys. Students learn the foundations of U.S. law and study the process of legal analysis in the context of the cases, laws and regulations related to their specific career interests.

Note: Pursuant to American Bar Association standards, no law credits completed prior to admission to a JD program, including credits earned in the Master of Legal Studies program, may be transferred to a future Juris Doctor program under any circumstances.

At a Glance

- College/School: Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
- Location: Downtown Phoenix campus or online

Concurrent Degrees

This degree is also offered as concurrent degree program with:

- Accountancy, MACC
- Information Management, MS
- Management, MS
- Master of Mass Communication, MMC
- Real Estate Development, MRED
- Sustainability Solutions, MSUS
- Taxation, MTax
- W. P. Carey MBA - Full-Time Program
- W. P. Carey MBA - Professional Flex Program
Degree Requirements

The program consists of 30 credit hours of approved study. The degree program can be completed on a full-time or part-time basis. Students are required to take:

LAW 581 U.S. Law and Legal Analysis (3)

Students are required to choose one of the following basic foundational courses:

LAW 515 Contracts* or LAW 530 Fundamentals of Contract Law (4/3)
LAW 516 Criminal Law (3)*
LAW 517 Torts (2/4)*
LAW 518 Civil Procedure (3/5)*
LAW 522 Constitutional Law I (3)*
LAW 523 Property (2/4)*
LAW 602 Civil Procedure II (3/4)
LAW 604 Criminal Procedure (3)
LAW 625 Constitutional Law II (3/4)
LAW 654 Business Organizations (3/4)
LAW 664 Intellectual Property (2/4)

*Students may enroll in a maximum of two courses marked with an asterisk.

The remainder of the credits are electives. Elective course selection will be flexible, to accommodate the diversity of intellectual and professional interests the program is intended to serve.

Admission Requirements

The Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law offers the master's degree program for students who do not wish to practice law, but believe that education in the law would be beneficial to their advancement in their careers or in other fields.

Students should see the program website for application deadlines.

Admission to the program is competitive. In order to be admitted, applicants 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, and have submitted a complete application to the program.
Selection will be based on a variety of factors, including academic background and potential, diversity of experience and background, career experience and ambitions, space and resource limitations in the law school and other factors.

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

1. the completed MLS application form
2. the required application fee
3. a resume that does not exceed three typed pages
4. a personal statement (typed, double-spaced) that does not exceed 1,250 words
5. transcripts from all institutions attended, including the transcript showing that the bachelor's degree was conferred
6. two letters of recommendation
7. a writing sample

Applicants with degrees from foreign institutions must submit transcripts to World Education Services (http://www.wes.org) and meet the Graduate College and Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law English proficiency requirements.

**Attend Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year and accelerated 7.5 week classes. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

**Contact Information**

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Admission Deadlines