Program Description

Degree Awarded: MLS Legal Studies (Patent Practice)

The concentration in patent practice within the MLS degree program prepares students for the practice of patent law as registered patent agents with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The concentration focuses on providing students with substantial doctrinal knowledge about patent law as well as practical skills training, including a capstone clinical course, relevant in the patent law field.

At a Glance

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

Degree Requirements

Required Core (3 credit hours)
LAW 581 US Law and Legal Analysis (3)

Concentration (18 credit hours)

Electives (6 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
Clinical Experience (Lisa Foundation Patent Law Clinic) (3)

Total required credit hours (30)
Admission Requirements

Admission to the concentration requires a bachelor's degree in one of the following:

- aeronautical engineering
- agricultural engineering
- biochemistry
- biology
- biomedical engineering
- botany
- ceramic engineering
- chemical engineering
- civil engineering
- computer engineering
- computer science*
- electrical engineering
- electrochemical engineering
- electronics technology
- engineering physics
- food technology
- general chemistry
- general engineering
- geological engineering
- industrial engineering
- marine technology
- mechanical engineering
- metallurgical engineering
- microbiology
- mining engineering
- molecular biology
- nuclear engineering
- organic chemistry
- petroleum engineering
- pharmacology
- physics
- textile technology

*Acceptable computer science degrees must be accredited by the Computer Science Accreditation Commission of the Computing Sciences Accreditation Board or by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET on or before the date the degree was awarded.
A minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program is required. A minimum of 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the applicable master's degree is required.

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency as indicated by acceptable scores. Applicants should have a TOEFL score above 600 (paper), 250 (computer) or 100 (Internet). Exceptional candidates with relevant experience and background who have scores of at least 590 (paper), 243 (computer) or 96 (Internet) also will be considered. Applicants must meet the requirements of the Graduate College as well as those of the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

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 statement of interest (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

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

There is no required admission examination.

Students should see the program website for application deadlines.

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Admission Deadlines