

# MASTER OF STUDIES IN LAW

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The M.S.L. degree at Washburn University School of Law is for the prospective student engaged in professional work in which formal exposure to the study of law would be beneficial. Interested students come from a wide range of professions including accounting, business, children and family services, criminal justice, environmental studies, government, healthcare, human resources, journalism, library services, oil and gas, real estate development, and tribal management. The goal of the program is to provide a legal background that will complement the professional interests of the participants, strengthen their ability to interact effectively with the legal community, and provide professional certification of these accomplishments. Students choose a curriculum pathway depending on their needs and interests.

The curriculum pathway selected for each student builds upon the particular strengths of Washburn Law, with the Centers and certificate programs of the school providing a framework for selection of courses. For example, masters level students who plan careers related to children and family services will be able to choose electives within a broad range of courses developed in support of the Children and Family Law Center. Similarly, the current oil and gas industry employs individuals who, although not needing a law degree, would benefit from a legal background focused on those issues, and the Oil and Gas Law Center provides a course and resource base for those students. The same is true for students interested in other center-related legal studies. Individuals who are interested in obtaining an M.S.L. should have flexible schedules to enable them to take advantage of the program opportunities offered by the Law School.

## Learn More

For more information regarding Washburn Law's M.S.L. program, see [washburnlaw.edu/academics/msl/howtoapply.html](http://washburnlaw.edu/academics/msl/howtoapply.html) (<http://washburnlaw.edu/academics/msl/howtoapply.html>). Applications are considered on a rolling basis. Students may begin their M.S.L. studies in fall or spring.

## Degree Requirements

Students in Washburn's Master of Studies in Law program must:

- Have completed a four-year college course of study and hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
- Satisfactorily complete a minimum of 30 credit hours of approved work within the individualized professional pathway determined on the basis of the student's professional background and career goals.
- Complete all such credit hours within 4 calendar years beginning with the first semester after enrollment. Program requirements are subject to change.