

Curriculum – Master of Legal Studies

Objective: The objective of the Master of Legal Studies program is to enable students to pursue diverse career choices through the acquisition of a foundational understanding of the legal system. In addition, it is the objective of the law school to enhance the professional skills and knowledge for those graduates who do not choose to sit for the California Bar Examination. Empire College School of Law is committed to providing legal skills to professionals in the fields of medicine, banking, retail sales, insurance, engineering, and manufacturing – even if those graduates do not envision the active practice of law per se.

This program is designed to inform and educate professionals about the fundamentals of the law and help them gain an educated appreciation for the intricacies surrounding the intersection of law, public policy, and the professions. Master’s candidates shall take some of the core classes in the law school curriculum in order to increase their understanding of the basic building blocks of the legal profession. Professionals from diverse fields, including banking, finance, insurance, education, law enforcement, human relations, and sales and marketing all deal with the law as it is applied to their activities. With increased sophistication regarding legal principles, Master’s candidates shall be able to increase their awareness of and preparation for legal issues which may arise in their daily lives.

Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 22.0001Pre-Law Studies

Department of Labor Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Code(s): No match.

Expected Educational Outcomes: Upon completing the Master’s degree, program participants shall:

1. Be able to identify the elements of both common law and statutory definitions of torts, crimes, and contracts.
2. Have an expanded knowledge of the elements of constitutional legal issues and how those may be addressed in both their personal and professional lives.
3. Gain specialized legal knowledge in the fields covered by their elective course offerings.
4. Have a broad understanding of the law coupled with an in-depth understanding of one or more unique areas of specialization.

Introductory Courses

<i>Course No.</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Units</i>	
LAW I401	Introduction to Law	1	
LAW I402	Legal Research and Writing	2	
	<i>Total Units</i>	3	3

First Year

LAW 500A/B*	Contracts	6	
LAW 501A/B*	Criminal Law	6	
LAW 502A/B*	Torts	6	
	<i>Total Units</i>	18	21

Second Year

LAW R500	Advanced Legal Research	2	
LAW 603A/B*	Constitutional Law	6	
	<i>Total Units</i>	8 **	29

Electives

<i>Total Units</i>	7	<u>36</u>
<i>Total Months:</i>	24	

* Denotes all non-severable two-trimester courses. Both trimesters must be successfully completed to receive final A/B course grade. A/B designation is for grading purposes only.

** To maintain Title IV eligibility, a minimum of 3 units per trimester must be taken.

Electives (Periodically/regularly offered based on student interest and faculty availability.)

Students select their choices from the list of Elective Courses below. These courses are taught on a rotational basis as professional needs or student interest demands. These courses will be taken during the summer, fall, or spring trimesters as the student's schedule permits.

<i>Course No.</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Units</i>
LAW 503	Law Study & Exams	1
LAW 600A/B*	Civil Procedure	6
LAW 601A/B*	Evidence	6
LAW 701A	Wills & Trusts	3
LAW 702A/B*	Real Property	6
LAW 800A/B*	Business Organizations	6
LAW 801A/B*	Remedies	5
LAW R501	Advanced Legal Writing	2
LAW R502	Community Property	3
LAW R503	Criminal Procedure	2
LAW R504	Moot Court	2
LAW R505	Professional Responsibility	2
LAW E502-3	Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Survey/Mediation	2-3
LAW E503	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)	2
LAW E506	Bankruptcy Debtor/Creditor Law	2
LAW E511	Discovery Workshop	3
LAW E512	Elder Law	2
LAW E515	Employment Law	3
LAW E516-2	Environmental Law	2
LAW E518	Family Law	2
LAW E519	Federal Indian Law	3
LAW E523	Immigration Law	2
LAW E525	Insurance Law	3
LAW E526	Intellectual Property Law	3
LAW E528	Law Office Management	2
LAW E536	Sexual Orientation and The Law	2
LAW E538	Internet Law	2
LAW E541	Trial Practice	3
LAW E544	Employment Discrimination Law	3
LAW E547	California Government and Administrative Law	2
LAW E551	Governance in Context	2
LAW E552	Non-Profit Organizations Law	3
LAW E553	Jurisprudence	2
LAW E556	Energy Law and Policy	3
LAW E559-3	History of American Law	3

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Elective courses with class numbers preceded by an E are graded on a pass/fail basis; all others receive a numeric grade.

All courses not required in the MLS program are considered elective courses. Students who are enrolled in the MLS program only, and not concurrently enrolled in both the JD and MLS, may request approval from the Dean to complete any course offered by Empire College School of Law as an elective in the MLS program, regardless of the prerequisites for the course(s) listed in this catalog.