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*The Master in the Study
of Law (M.S.L.)* is a one-year

graduate level degree for professionals and recent graduates seeking to increase their knowledge of law in order to bolster their professional potential.

Master in the Study of Law

The M.S.L. Program offers:

Exceptional value

Freedom to select among several areas of law for concentrated study

Full-time (one year) and part-time (up to three years) options

Quality instruction from respected faculty

Interaction with accomplished peers

The M.S.L. Program is a non-thesis graduate program for individuals interested in developing a general understanding of the legal system or expertise in a particular field that intersects with their professional interests.

One of the principal attractions of Georgia Law is the friendly and informal interaction between faculty and students. M.S.L. candidates are welcome from a variety of backgrounds and experience levels. They will take classes and interact with Georgia Law's J.D. students whose admissions credentials place them amongst the most highly qualified in the nation. Enrollment will be limited to ensure that faculty and staff are able to provide each M.S.L. student with individual assistance and support.

To get ahead in the current job market, it is essential to incorporate knowledge and perspectives from a variety of professional and academic fields. This is especially true when it comes to the law. An understanding of basic legal principles is necessary across a wide range of careers. Now more than ever, professionals are wise to gain knowledge, reasoning, and analysis in the areas of law that directly impact their professional or academic interests.

The M.S.L. is designed for those who seek some knowledge of the law but do not aspire, necessarily, to become lawyers. M.S.L. degree recipients are not eligible to take the bar examination, nor does the degree qualify them to practice law.

The M.S.L. Program gives students the opportunity to create an individualized program of study by selecting courses specific to their interests from the School of Law's extensive curriculum. The M.S.L. offered at Georgia Law is awarded without reference to specialization, although such specialization may be apparent from the student's course selections. The law school provides first-rate instruction in a variety of fields, including but not limited to employment law, environmental law, and health law. With the exception of a required introductory course, M.S.L. candidates will take classes alongside J.D. and LL.M. students.

The M.S.L. requires the successful completion of 30 credit hours of course work in one year for full-time students, or up to three years for part-time students. In order to comply with the Graduate Enrollment Policy, part-time students must enroll for a minimum of at least three credit hours in at least two semesters per academic year (fall, spring, summer). Temporary exemption from the policy is available to students experiencing unusual circumstances.

All M.S.L. candidates must take a three hour introductory course on the American legal system. This intensive introductory course is held during the two weeks prior to the beginning of each fall semester. This course is designed to introduce M.S.L. candidates to the basics of U.S. law and policy.

The remaining course work will consist of classes relevant the student's profession or area of interest and is chosen in consultation with an advisor. Students will choose the remaining required 27 credit hours from the law school's extensive course offerings, listed at www.law.uga.edu/course-offerings. Please note that the vast majority, but not all, law school courses are open to M.S.L. students.

This is a non-thesis program, though students do have the option of obtaining credit toward the degree through completion of a substantial piece of written research conducted under faculty supervision.

How to Apply

The University of Georgia School of Law application and comprehensive application instructions are available online at www.law.uga.edu/MSL-application.

Candidates who wish to apply for the M.S.L. Program must have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution before enrolling.

Applicants must submit the following documents:

Application Form

Official transcripts and proof of bachelor's degree

Personal statement of approximately 500 words that indicates why you wish to attend the M.S.L. Program

A current résumé or CV

Two (2) letters of recommendation

Standardized test score: Acceptable tests include LSAT, GMAT, MCAT, or GRE*

**The standardized test requirement may be waived for applicants that meet specific criteria. For more information about requesting a waiver, contact Graduate Legal Studies directly at mssl@uga.edu.*



ANNUAL TUITION AND COSTS

Tuition and other costs for the M.S.L. at the University of Georgia are very affordable, making enrollment at Georgia Law a tremendous investment in your future. Athens is an ideal place to study. Housing, food and other costs are considerably lower than in a major metropolitan area.

M.S.L. candidates can choose to study full-time for one year or attend for up to three years in the part-time study program. Students may also desire to study full-time for one semester, then finish their remaining course work through multiple part-time semesters.

Please note that part-time costs exclude living expenses.

IN-STATE TUITION AND FEES

FULL-TIME*: 30 credit hours in one academic year.

Tuition & Fees: \$18,890

Books & Supplies: \$1,800

Living and Misc. Expenses: \$14,638

Estimated Total Cost of Attendance, In-State, Full-Time: \$35,328

PART-TIME*: 30 credit hours, up to three years

Tuition: \$693/credit hour

Fees: \$1,129/semester if enrolled in 5-11 credit hours (two years)

Books & Supplies: \$500/semester

OUT-OF-STATE TUITION AND FEES

FULL-TIME*: 30 credit hours in one academic year.

Tuition & Fees: \$39,286

Books & Supplies: \$1,800

Living and Misc. Expenses: \$14,638

Estimated Total Cost of Attendance, Out-of-State, Full-Time: \$55,724

PART-TIME*: 30 credit hours, up to three years

Tuition: \$1,543/credit hour

Fees: \$1,129/semester if enrolled in 5-11 credit hours (two years)

Books & Supplies: \$500/semester

* Students are classified as full-time when they enroll in 12-17 credit hours for fall or spring semesters. If a student enrolls in less than 12 credit hours, they will be considered a part-time student.

Explore our website at www.law.uga.edu/MSL to learn more about the excellent value, strong curriculum and welcoming atmosphere at Georgia Law.



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