

# Master of Arts in Legal Studies

The Master of Arts in Legal Studies offers you a better understanding of the law as it relates to your legal or non-legal career. This degree program will aid you in doing your part to help solve aspects of the complex societal challenges associated with the public’s ability to access justice by preparing you to become nonlawyer legal service and thought leaders. It is not intended for practicing law, but rather to build upon your existing knowledge of the law by further expanding your comprehension of legal doctrines, legal concepts, and workplace legal issues. By equipping you for ethical service and leadership, this master’s degree helps prepare you to pursue career opportunities in government, business, and other industries where knowledge of the law and ethical issues can be a career advantage.

**Note:** Although some states do not require a Juris Doctor degree for Bar entry, this program does not prepare you for the practice of law or admission to the Bar of any state based solely on your completion of this program.

## Degree Program Objectives

In addition to the institutional and degree level learning objectives, graduates of this program are expected to achieve these learning outcomes:

- Integrate legal research and writing skills into a variety of communications.
- Facilitate the creation of new solutions to complex societal legal problems through critical thinking and analysis.
- Design innovative legal solutions with technology.

## Degree at a Glance

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Core Requirements		24
Major Requirements		6
Elective Requirements		3
Final Program Requirements		3
Total Semester Hours		36

# Degree Program Requirements

## Core Requirements (24 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
LSTD502	Criminal Law <sup>1</sup>	3
LSTD503	Criminal Justice Process	3
LSTD504	Methods of Legal Research and Writing I	3
LSTD505	Methods of Legal Research and Writing II	3
LSTD506	Property Law	3
LSTD508	Contract Law	3
LSTD509	Tort Law	3
LSTD510	Constitutional Law	3
Total Semester Hours		24

<sup>1</sup> Required as the first course in this program.

## Major Requirements (6 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
BUSN623	Legal & Ethical Issues in Management	
BUSN640	Nonprofit Law, Governance, and Ethics	
EDMG501	Emergency Management and Public Law	
EDUC622	Ethics and Legal Issues in Online Learning	
EDUC670	Education Law, Ethics, and Politics	
EVSP503	Environmental Policy, Regulation, and Law	
HRMT602	Employment Law and Labor Relations	
LSTD507	International Law	
LSTD512	Immigration Law	
LSTD516	Homeland Security and the Law	
LSTD517	Law, Ethics and Cybersecurity	
SPMT608	Sports Law	
SSGS690	Independent Study	
PADM611	Law and Public Policy	
POLS640	Judicial Politics, Process, and Policy Making	
SPST671	Space Law	
Total Semester Hours		6

## Elective Requirements (3 semester hours)

Select from other graduate courses not taken to meet core, major, or concentration requirements.

## Final Program Requirements (3 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
LSTD699	Legal Studies Capstone <sup>1</sup>	3
Total Semester Hours		3

<sup>1</sup> Taken once all other requirements have been met.