

MASTER OF LEGAL STUDIES

The M.L.S. Degree Program Mission

The Master of Legal Studies program at Trinity Law School is designed to give a broad understanding of law and legal systems for those students and professionals who seek to advance their careers in areas that involve legal compliance, regulations, contracts, negotiations, business, property, or human rights. The program provides a general introduction to legal principles that gives students already in the work force the ability to aid their employers in legal issues. The program will also provide students with the ability to assess the effectiveness of counsel retained by employers and use legal services effectively. In addition to a general survey of law and legal systems, the Trinity Law School M.L.S. will provide opportunities for students to concentrate their degree program in Human Rights, Human Resources, Nonprofit Management, Church and Ministry Management or Bioethics.

The Master of Legal Studies degree program is a 30-unit online degree program. Students complete a core curriculum of 15 units and must choose from one of six 15-unit tracks for a total of 30 units. "Except as provided in rule 4.30 of the *Admissions Rules* (Legal education in a foreign state or country), completion of a professional law degree program at this law school other than for the Juris Doctor degree does not qualify a student to take the California Bar Examination or satisfy the requirements for admission to the practice law in California. It may not qualify a student to take the bar extermination or to satisfy requirement for admission to the practice of law in any other jurisdiction. A student intending to seek admission to practice law should contact the admitting authority in the jurisdictions where the student intends to qualify to sit for the bar examination or to be admitted to practice for information regarding their legal education requirements."

MLS Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the M.L.S. program, the graduate will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the law in areas applicable to a wide range of business and management positions.
2. Apply the law as a tool for effective and ethical decision#making.
3. Identify and formulate the legal issues and theories that impact their professional career.
4. Effectively interact with attorneys regarding the application of legal solutions to business and ministry challenges.
5. Recognize and resolve ethical issues by applying knowledge of secular law and biblical principles to content area topics.

Accreditation

Trinity Law School is a school of Trinity International University, which is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Degree Requirements

To graduate with a Master in Legal Studies degree, students must successfully complete 30 units of study. A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above is required for the degree.

Academic Year

The academic calendar consists of modular classes meeting for seven-week periods with a one-week break between each module. Full time students will complete the program in two years. Please see the calendar in this catalog or at tls.edu (<http://tls.edu>) for module start and end dates, registration deadlines, and holidays.

Transferring units from Trinity Law School JD program

Students who either have completed courses at Trinity Law School or have graduated with their Juris Doctor degree from Trinity Law School can transfer up to 18 units from the completed Juris Doctor units toward the 30 required units for the Master of Legal Studies degree. These students must complete a minimum of 12 Master of Legal Studies units.

Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities requiring special arrangements will be accommodated upon petition accompanied by supporting documentation of the disability and upon approval of the Registrar. Special accommodations will be carefully tailored to meet the documented need in accordance with the Trinity Law School disability policy. An informational packet detailing the services available for students with disabilities can be obtained from the Records Office.

Students with a Bachelor's Degree from a Foreign School

Trinity Law School accepts students who have earned a Bachelor's degree at a foreign institution. Students who have completed course work or earned degrees from foreign institutions must submit transcripts through a foreign credit evaluation service to determine eligibility for transfer credit. In addition, students for whom English is not the first language must demonstrate English competency by earning a minimum TOEFL score of 92 for the internet based examination, 237 for the computer examination, or 580 for the paper examination.

Student Handbook

Academic policies and standards in addition to those in this catalog are contained in the Student Handbook, which is issued to each student at the beginning of every academic year. In case of any conflict, the standards contained in the catalog are controlling.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Curriculum		
MLS 505	Philosophy and Theology of Justice	3
MLS 521	Contracts	3
MLS 541	Torts	3
MLS 558	Legal Fundamentals	3
MLS 702	Business Organizations	3
Total Hours		15

There are 6 tracks to choose from (15 hours):

Code	Title	Hours
General Track		
Concentration		
MLS 600	Constitutional Law	3

MLS 660	Property	3
Electives (3 courses)		9
Choose electives from those listed below or from the other 5 tracks		
MLS 531	Criminal Law	
MLS 783	Criminal Procedure	
MLS 800	Wills, Trusts, and Estates	
Total Hours		15

Code	Title	Hours
Human Resources Management Track		
Concentration		
MLS 400	Human Resources Compliance	3
MLS 531	Criminal Law	3
Electives (3 courses)		9
MLS 410	Staffing and Compensation Administration	
MLS 414	Employment Discrimination	
MLS 415	Labor Law and ADR	
MLS 421	Performance Assessment	
MLS 860	Strategic Planning	
Total Hours		15

Code	Title	Hours
Human Rights Track		
Concentration		
MLS 600	Constitutional Law	3
MLS 901	International Criminal Law	3
MLS 923	Introduction to International Human Rights Law	3
Electives (2 courses)		6
MLS 700	Introduction to Bioethics	
MLS 905	The Theory and Law of Armed Conflict	
MLS 910	The Right to Life and the Law	
MLS 913	The Rights of Women, Children, and Families	
MLS 914	The Rights of Minorities	
MLS 951	Religious Liberty and the Law	
MLS 995	Genocide and the Law	
Study Abroad		
MLS 543	Human Trafficking and Economic Development-Cambodia	
MLS 919	International Human Rights Forum - Strasbourg, France	
Total Hours		15

Code	Title	Hours
Nonprofit Organizations Track		
MLS 850	Exempt Organizations	3
MLS 861	Nonprofit Law	3
Electives (3 courses)		9
MLS 660	Property	
MLS 855	Religious Organizations	
MLS 860	Strategic Planning	

MLS 870	International Non-Government Organizations	
Total Hours		15

Code	Title	Hours
Church and Ministry Management Track		
MLS 600	Constitutional Law	3
MLS 850	Exempt Organizations	3
MLS 861	Nonprofit Law	3
Electives (2 courses)		6
MLS 410	Staffing and Compensation Administration	
MLS 660	Property	
MLS 855	Religious Organizations	
MLS 860	Strategic Planning	
MLS 951	Religious Liberty and the Law	
Total Hours		15

Code	Title	Hours
Bioethics Track		
MLS 600	Constitutional Law	3
MLS 700	Introduction to Bioethics	3
Electives (3 courses)		9
MLS 910	The Right to Life and the Law	
MLS 710	Current Issues in Bioethics	
MLS 720	Classic Cases in Bioethics	
MLS 735	Readings in Bioethics	
MLS 750	Bioethics Seminar	
Total Hours		15