



LAW

MASTER OF STUDIES IN LAW



Earn an MSL, Gain a Professional Advantage

- Build legal literacy
- Strengthen professional credibility
- Expand career opportunities

GW Law's Master of Studies in Law (MSL) is intended for professionals who work in fields where legal knowledge is essential but who do not seek to practice law or earn a JD. The MSL provides a foundational understanding of law and regulation relevant to students' current professions. The practical legal insight gained through the program can support career advancement, informed decision-making, and professional growth across industries.

At GW Law, our students benefit from the expertise of a distinguished faculty of world-renowned legal scholars and practitioners. Our professors argue before the Supreme Court, testify on Capitol Hill, work in the administrations of both political parties, and produce scholarship that shapes the law in practice.

Each MSL concentration area is led by a program director who is a scholar and practitioner. Along with the program directors, students develop a customized program of study to suit their desired learning outcomes.

The combination of an engaged community, faculty expertise, and professional support gives GW Law students the advantage they need to expand their career opportunities.

Who Can Benefit From An MSL:

- Federal or governmental affairs officers
- Journalists
- Consultants
- Expert witnesses who testify before government agencies
- Compliance officers
- Procurement specialists
- Policy analysts
- Intelligence community analysts
- Others who seek legal insight into related careers

MSL PROGRAM OPTIONS

Online and Hybrid Programs:

- Business and Finance Law
- Business, Finance, and Corporate Compliance Law
- Government Procurement Law
- Government Procurement and Cybersecurity Law
- National Security and Cybersecurity Law
- National Security and U.S. Foreign Relations Law
- Privacy, Artificial Intelligence, and Technology Law

**Our online MSL degree offers a 100% digital environment that combines asynchronous and synchronous components.*

On-campus Programs:

- Environmental and Energy Studies
- First Amendment Speech and Free Expression
- Health Law and Policy
- Intellectual Property Law
- International and Comparative Law
- General MSL

REQUIREMENTS	1-2 YEARS	FORMAT	APPLICATION DEADLINES
▶ 24 credits	1 year full time 2 years part time	On campus, Online, or Hybrid	▶ Application opens: September 1 ▶ Spring admission: November 15 ▶ Fall early decision: February 1 ▶ Fall admission: June 1

Find out more here: <https://www.law.gwu.edu/msl>



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Apply online via the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) (*Preferred*) or directly to GW Law via PDF.
- Submit (1) a completed application form, (2) official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate schools attended, (3) one letter of recommendation, (4) a brief essay describing the applicant's professional goals and areas of interest for the study of law, and (5) a résumé or CV.
- If applicable, you also must submit an official report of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score.
- The **LSAT is not required to apply**.
- **For this admissions cycle, the \$80 application fee has been waived for first time applicants.**

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