

# Pepperdine Master of Dispute Resolution (MDR)

## Degree Requirements

All MDR students are required to complete 32 units with 18 units of required courses and 14 units of electives. MDR course requirements and elective course options are outlined below.

### Required Courses

The 18 units of required courses are designed to give you a solid understanding of various aspects of the law.

#### Foundation Courses (8 units)

LAW 5001	<a href="#">Introduction to U.S. Law and Legal Systems</a> – 2 units
LAW 5002	<a href="#">Legal Research and Writing for Non-Lawyers</a> – 2 units
LAW 5112	<a href="#">Negotiation Theory and Practice</a> – 2 units
LAW 5401	<a href="#">Mediation Theory and Practice</a> – 2 units

#### Core Courses (8 units)

LAW 5402	<a href="#">Arbitration Theory and Practice</a> – 2 units
LAW 5403	<a href="#">Cross-Cultural Conflict and Dispute Resolution</a> – 2 units
LAW 5405	<a href="#">Psychology of Conflict and Communication</a> – 2 units
LAW 5406	<a href="#">Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Employment Disputes</a> – 2 units

#### Residencies (2 units)

LAW 5203	<a href="#">MDR Residency 1 – Dispute Resolution in Practice 1</a> – 1 unit
LAW 5204	<a href="#">MDR Residency 2 – Dispute Resolution in Practice 2</a> – 1 unit

### Elective Courses

Once you complete your required courses, you may take electives based on the topics that interest you. You must take at least 14 units of electives.

#### Elective Course Options (18 units)

LAW 1242	<a href="#">Environmental and Public Policy Dispute Resolution</a> – 2 units
LAW 1522	<a href="#">Advanced Mediation Seminar</a> – 2 units
LAW 1932	<a href="#">Divorce and Family Mediation</a> – 2 units
LAW 2282	<a href="#">Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Apology, Forgiveness, and Reconciliation</a> – 2 units
LAW 2282	<a href="#">Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Entertainment</a> – 2 units
LAW 2282	<a href="#">Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Conflict and Systems Design in Corporations and Organizations</a> – 2 units
LAW 2282	<a href="#">Selected Issues In Dispute Resolution: Ombuds</a> – 2 units
LAW 5307	<a href="#">Law and Policy Study Tour: Washington, D.C.</a> – 2 units
LAW 372	<a href="#">International Commercial Arbitration</a> – 2 units

#### MLS Elective Courses (up to 4 units)

Online MDR students may take up to 2 courses from the online Master of Legal Studies (MLS) program, excluding any courses taken to fulfill the core requirements. Students may not enroll in MLS Residency Courses without prior authorization.

LAW 5117	<a href="#">Administrative Law and Regulatory Compliance</a> – 2 units
LAW 5115	<a href="#">Civil Procedure and Litigation</a> – 2 units
LAW 5114	<a href="#">Constitutional Law (Structure and Rights)</a> – 2 units
LAW 5110	<a href="#">Contracts</a> – 2 units
LAW 5116	<a href="#">Criminal Law and Procedure</a> – 2 units
LAW 5113	<a href="#">Property</a> – 2 units
LAW 5111	<a href="#">Torts</a> – 2 units
LAW 5302	<a href="#">Law of Business Organizations</a> – 2 units
LAW 5304	<a href="#">Education Law</a> – 2 units
LAW 5301	<a href="#">Health Law</a> – 2 units
LAW 5305	<a href="#">Intellectual Property</a> – 2 units
LAW 5306	<a href="#">Employment Law</a> – 2 units
LAW 5307	<a href="#">Law and Policy Study Tour: Washington, D.C.</a> – 2 units
LAW 5309	<a href="#">Practical Litigation</a> – 2 units

\* This requirement may be waived by the Managing Director of the law school's Straus Institute if it is deemed the in-person residency travel component creates an extraordinary hardship. The law school anticipates that this waiver will be almost exclusively used for international students unable to obtain a visa to the U.S. Any student receiving such a waiver must take an additional two-unit elective course to earn the necessary 32 units for graduation.

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## Full-Time Student Course Sequence

Below is general guidance on the classes you should take each term as a full-time student. Please contact your student success advisor if you have questions about course sequencing.

Term 1 (9 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)	
LAW 5112	Negotiation Theory and Practice – 2 units	LAW 5401	Mediation Theory and Practice – 2 units
LAW 5001	Introduction to U.S. Law and Legal Systems – 2 units	LAW 5405	Psychology of Conflict and Communication – 2 units
LAW 5203	MDR Residency 1 – Dispute Resolution in Practice 1 – 1 unit		

Term 2 (8 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)	
LAW 5002	Legal Research and Writing for Non-Lawyers – 2 units	LAW 5406	Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Employment Disputes– 2 units
LAW 5402	Arbitration Theory and Practice – 2 units	Variable	Elective (see options on pg 4) – 2 units

Term 3 (9 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)	
LAW 5403	Cross-Cultural Conflict and Dispute Resolution – 2 units	Variable	Elective (see options on pg 4) – 2 units
Variable	Elective (see options on pg 4) – 2 units	Variable	Elective (see options on pg 4) – 2 units
		LAW 5204	MDR Residency 2 – Dispute Resolution in Practice 2 – 1 unit

Term 4 (6 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)	
Variable	Elective (see options on pg 4) – 2 units	Variable	Elective (see options on pg 4) – 2 units
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## Part-Time Student Course Sequence

Below is general guidance on the classes you should take each term as a part-time student. Please contact your student success advisor if you have questions about course sequencing.

Term 1 (5 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)	
LAW 5112	Negotiation Theory and Practice – 2 units	LAW 5401	Mediation Theory and Practice – 2 units
LAW 5203	MDR Residency 1 – Dispute Resolution in Practice 1 – 1 unit		

Term 2 (4 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)	
LAW 5001	Introduction to U.S. Law and Legal Systems – 2 units	LAW 5405	Psychology of Conflict and Communication – 2 units

Term 3 (4 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)	
LAW 5002	Legal Research and Writing for Non-Lawyers – 2 units	LAW 5406	Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Employment Disputes– 2 units

Term 4 (5 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)	
LAW 5402	Arbitration Theory and Practice – 2 units	Variable	Elective (see options on pg 4) – 2 units
		LAW 5204	MDR Residency 2 – Dispute Resolution in Practice 2 – 1 unit

Term 5 (4 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)	
LAW 5403	Cross-Cultural Conflict and Dispute Resolution – 2 units	Variable	Elective (see options on pg 4) – 2 units

Term 6 (4 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)	
Variable	Elective (see options on pg 4) – 2 units	Variable	Elective (see options on pg 4) – 2 units

Term 7 (4 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)	
Variable	Elective (see options on pg 4) – 2 units	Variable	Elective (see options on pg 4) – 2 units

Term 8 (2 units)*	
Session 1 (8 weeks)	
Variable	Elective (see options on pg 4) – 2 units

\* Please note that you must be enrolled in a minimum of 4 units per term to be eligible for Financial Aid. You may want to consider choosing 1 term to take 3 classes and completing the program in 7 terms.

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## Electives by Term

Please reference the chart below to see in which term and session electives are offered. A master chart with all course offerings by session and term can be found [on the following page](#).

Fall Electives	
Session 1	Session 2
Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Entertainment	Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Conflict and Systems Design in Corporations and Organizations
Divorce and Family Mediation	Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Apology, Forgiveness, and Reconciliation
Law and Policy Study Tour: Washington, D.C. (pending 2021 due to COVID)	Advanced Mediation Seminar
International Commercial Arbitration	

Spring Electives	
Session 1	Session 2
Selected Issues In Dispute Resolution: Ombuds	Environmental and Public Policy Dispute Resolution
Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Entertainment	Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Conflict and Systems Design in Corporations and Organizations
Divorce and Family	

Summer Electives	
Session 1	Session 2
Selected Issues In Dispute Resolution: Ombuds	Advanced Mediation Seminar
Divorce and Family Mediation	Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Apology, Forgiveness, and Reconciliation
International Commercial Arbitration	

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## Course Offerings by Term and Sequence

			TERMS OFFERED				
			REQUIRED?	SESSIONS OFFERED	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
CORE COURSES							
Foundation Courses							
LAW 5001 – Introduction to U.S. Law and Legal Systems			YES	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5002 – Legal Research and Writing for Non-Lawyers			YES	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5112 – Negotiation Theory and Practice			YES	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5401 – Mediation Theory and Practice			YES	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
Core Courses							
LAW 5402 – Arbitration Theory and Practice			YES	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5403 – Cross-Cultural Conflict and Dispute Resolution			YES	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5405 – Psychology of Conflict and Communication			YES	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5406 – Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Employment Disputes			YES	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
Residencies							
LAW 5203 – MDR Residency 1 – Dispute Resolution in Practice 1			YES	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5204 – MDR Residency 2 – Dispute Resolution in Practice 2			YES	Session 2	✓		✓
ELECTIVES							
LAW 1242 – Environmental and Public Policy Dispute Resolution			NO	Session 2	✓		
LAW 1522 – Advanced Mediation Seminar			NO	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 1932 – Divorce and Family Mediation			NO	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 2282 – Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Apology, Forgiveness, and Reconciliation			NO	Session 2		✓	✓
LAW 2282 – Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Entertainment			NO	Session 1	✓		✓
LAW 2282 – Selected Issues: Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Conflict and Systems Design in Corporations and Organizations			NO	Session 2	✓		✓
LAW 2282 – Selected Issues In Dispute Resolution: Ombuds			NO	Session 1	✓	✓	
LAW 5307 – Law and Policy Study Tour: Washington, D.C.			NO	Session 1		✓	✓
LAW 372 – International Commercial Arbitration			NO	Session 1	✓		✓
MLS Elective Courses (up to 4 units)							
LAW 5117 – Administrative Law and Regulatory Compliance			NO	Session 1	✓	✓	
LAW 5115 – Civil Procedure and Litigation			NO	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5114 – Constitutional Law (Structure and Rights)			NO	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5110 – Contracts			NO	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5116 – Criminal Law and Procedure			NO	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5113 – Property			NO	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5111 – Torts			NO	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5302 – Law of Business Organizations			NO	Session 1	✓		✓
LAW 5304 – Education Law			NO	Session 2	✓	✓	
LAW 5301 – Health Law			NO	Session 2		✓	✓
LAW 5305 – Intellectual Property			NO	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5306 – Employment Law			NO	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5309 – Practical Litigation			NO	Session 1		✓	✓

\* Course offerings are subject to change each term.