

Pepperdine Master of Legal Studies (MLS)

Degree Requirements

All MLS students are required to complete 32 units with 20 units of required courses and 12 units of electives. General track requirements and course options are outlined below. You can find [concentration requirements on the following page](#).

Required Courses		Elective Courses	
The 20 units of required courses are designed to give you a solid understanding of various aspects of the law.		Once you complete your required courses, you may take electives based on the topics that interest you. You must take at least 12 units of electives.	
Foundation Courses (4 units)		Elective Course Options (28 units)	
LAW 5001	Introduction to U.S. Law and Legal Systems – 2 units	LAW 5117	Administrative Law and Regulatory Compliance – 2 units
LAW 5002	Legal Research and Writing for Non-Lawyers – 2 units	LAW 5302	Law of Business Organizations – 2 units
Core Courses (14 units)		LAW 5304	Education Law – 2 units
LAW 5115	Civil Procedure and Litigation – 2 units	LAW 5301	Health Law – 2 units
LAW 5114	Constitutional Law (Structure and Rights) – 2 units	LAW 5305	Intellectual Property – 2 units
LAW 5110	Contracts – 2 units	LAW 5306	Employment Law – 2 units
LAW 5116	Criminal Law and Procedure – 2 units	LAW 5307	Law and Policy Study Tour: Washington, D.C. – 2 units
LAW 5112	Negotiation Theory and Practice – 2 units	LAW 5402	Arbitration Theory and Practice – 2 units
LAW 5113	Property – 2 units	LAW 5406	Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Employment Disputes – 2 units
LAW 5111	Torts – 2 units	LAW 5403	Cross-Cultural Conflict and Dispute Resolution – 2 units
Residencies (2 units)		LAW 5401	Mediation Theory and Practice – 2 units
LAW 5202	Law, the Legal System, and Society – 1 unit	LAW 5405	Psychology of Conflict and Communication – 2 units
LAW 5201	Law in Practice – 1 unit	LAW 2282	Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Ombuds – 2 units
		LAW 5309	Practical Litigation – 2 units

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Concentration Options

As a student in the MLS program, you have the option to choose the general studies track, or you can focus your degree by choosing a concentration. The required courses for the available concentrations are outlined below.

Dispute Resolution Concentration	
Required Concentration Courses (10 units)	
*LAW 5002	Legal Research and Writing for Non-Lawyers – 2 units
*LAW 5112	Negotiation Theory and Practice – 2 units
LAW 5401	Mediation Theory and Practice – 2 units
LAW 5402	Arbitration Theory and Practice – 2 units
LAW 5115	Civil Procedure and Litigation – 2 units
Concentration Electives (Select one 2-unit course)	
LAW 5403	Cross-Cultural Conflict and Dispute Resolution – 2 units
LAW 5405	Psychology of Conflict and Communication – 2 units
LAW 5406	Employment Disputes – 2 units

Human Resources Concentration	
Required Concentration Courses (8 units)	
*LAW 5112	Negotiation Theory and Practice – 2 units
LAW 5110	Contracts – 2 units
LAW 5306	Employment Law – 2 units
LAW 5406	Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Employment Disputes – 2 units
Concentration Electives (Select two 2-unit courses)	
LAW 5401	Mediation Theory and Practice – 2 units
LAW 5402	Arbitration Theory and Practice – 2 units
LAW 2282	Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Ombuds – 2 units

Litigation Concentration	
Required Concentration Courses (8 units)	
*LAW 5002	Legal Research and Writing for Non-Lawyers – 2 units
*LAW 5112	Negotiation Theory and Practice – 2 units
LAW 5115	Civil Procedure and Litigation – 2 units
LAW 5309	Practical Litigation – 2 units
Concentration Electives (4-units)	
LAW 5403	Mediation Theory and Practice – 2 units
LAW 5405	Arbitration Theory and Practice – 2 units
LAW 5406	Employment Disputes – 2 units

*This is also a core course.

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Full-Time Student Course Sequence

Below is general guidance on the classes you should take each term. 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 5001	Introduction to U.S. Law and Legal Systems – 2 units	LAW 5111	Torts – 2 units
LAW 5002	Legal Research and Writing for Non-Lawyers – 2 units	LAW 5114	Constitutional Law (Structure and Rights) – 2 units
		LAW 5202	Law, the Legal System, and Society – 1 unit

Term 2 (8 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)	
LAW 5112	Negotiation Theory and Practice – 2 units	LAW 5115	Civil Procedure and Litigation – 2 units
LAW 5110	Contracts – 2 units	LAW 5116	Criminal Law and Procedure – 2 units

Term 3 (9 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)	
Variable	Elective (see options on page 5) – 2 units	LAW 5113	Property – 2 units
Variable	Elective (see options on page 5) – 2 units	Variable	Elective (see options on page 5) – 2 units
LAW 5201	Law in Practice – 1 unit		

Term 4 (6 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)	
Variable	Elective (see options on page 5) – 2 units	Variable	Elective (see options on page 5) – 2 units
Variable	Elective (see options on page 5) – 2 units		

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Part-Time Student Course Sequence

Below is general guidance on the classes you should take each term. 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 5001	Introduction to U.S. Law and Legal Systems – 2 units	LAW 5111	Torts – 2 units
		LAW 5202	Law, the Legal System, and Society – 1 unit

Term 2 (4 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)	
LAW 5002	Law Research and Writing for Non-lawyers – 2 units	LAW 5114	Constitutional Law (Structure and Rights) – 2 units

Term 3 (4 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)	
LAW 5112	Negotiation Theory and Practice – 2 units	LAW 5115	Civil Procedure and Litigation – 2 units

Term 4 (5 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)	
LAW 5110	Contracts – 2 units	LAW 5116	Criminal Law and Procedure – 2 units
LAW 5201	Law in Practice – 1 unit		

Term 5 (4 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)	
Variable	Elective (see options on page 5) – 2 units	LAW 5113	Property – 2 units

Term 6 (4 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)	
Variable	Elective (see options on page 5) – 2 units	Variable	Elective (see options on page 5) – 2 units

Term 7 (4 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)	
Variable	Elective (see options on page 5) – 2 units	Variable	Elective (see options on page 5) – 2 units

Term 8 (2 units)			
Session 1 (8 weeks)			
Variable	Elective (see options on page 5) – 2 units		

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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
Employment Law	Employment Disputes
Cross-Cultural Conflict and Dispute Resolution	Psychology of Conflict and Communication
Arbitration Theory and Practice	Mediation Theory and Practice
Law of Business Organizations	Health Law
Law and Policy Tour: Washington D.C. (pending 2021 due to COVID)	
Intellectual Property	

Spring Electives	
Session 1	Session 2
Law of Business Organizations	Employment Disputes
Employment Law	Psychology of Conflict and Communication
Cross-Cultural Conflict and Dispute Resolution	Mediation Theory and Practice
Arbitration Theory and Practice	Education Law
Selected Issues In Dispute Resolution: Ombuds	
Administrative Law and Regulatory Compliance	
Intellectual Property	

Summer Electives	
Session 1	Session 2
Cross-Cultural Conflict and Dispute Resolution	Employment Disputes
Arbitration Theory and Practice	Psychology of Conflict and Communication
Selected Issues In Dispute Resolution: Ombuds	Mediation Theory and Practice
Administrative Law and Regulatory Compliance	Health Law
Employment Law	Education Law
Practical Litigation	
Intellectual Property	

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Course Offerings by Term and Sequence

	SESSIONS OFFERED	TERMS OFFERED		
		SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
CORE COURSES				
Foundation Courses				
LAW 5001 – Introduction to U.S. Law and Legal Systems	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5002 – Legal Research and Writing for Non-Lawyers	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
Core Courses				
LAW 5115 – Civil Procedure and Litigation	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5114 – Constitutional Law (Structure and Rights)	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5110 – Contracts	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5116 – Criminal Law and Procedure	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5112 – Negotiation Theory and Practice	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5113 – Property	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5111 – Torts	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
Residencies				
LAW 5202 – Law, the Legal System, and Society	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5201 – Law in Practice	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
ELECTIVES				
General Concentration				
LAW 5117 – Administrative Law and Regulatory Compliance	Session 1	✓	✓	
LAW 5302 – Law of Business Organizations	Session 1	✓		✓
LAW 5304 – Education Law	Session 2	✓	✓	
LAW 5301 – Health Law	Session 2		✓	✓
LAW 5305 – Intellectual Property	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5306 – Employment Law	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5307 – Law and Policy Study Tour: Washington, D.C.	Session 1		✓	✓
LAW 5402 – Arbitration Theory and Practice	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5406 – Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Employment Disputes	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5403 – Cross-Cultural Conflict and Dispute Resolution	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5401 – Mediation Theory and Practice	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5405 – Psychology of Conflict and Communication	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
Dispute Resolution Concentration				
LAW 5002 – Legal Research and Writing for Non-Lawyers	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5112 – Negotiation Theory and Practice	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5401 – Mediation Theory and Practice	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5115 – Civil Procedure and Litigation	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5403 – Cross-Cultural Conflict and Dispute Resolution	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5405 – Psychology of Conflict and Communication	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5406 – Employment Disputes	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5402 – Arbitration Theory and Practice	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
Human Resources Concentration				
LAW 5112 – Negotiation Theory and Practice	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5110 – Contracts	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5306 – Employment Law	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5406 – Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Employment Disputes	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5401 – Mediation Theory and Practice	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 2282 – Selected Issues in Dispute Resolution: Ombuds	Session 1		✓	✓
Litigation Concentration				
LAW 5002 – Legal Research and Writing for Non-Lawyers	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5112 – Negotiation Theory and Practice	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5115 – Civil Procedure and Litigation	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5309 – Practical Litigation	Session 1		✓	
LAW 5401 – Mediation Theory and Practice	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5406 – Employment Disputes	Session 2	✓	✓	✓

* Course offerings are subject to change each term.