

# Pepperdine Dual Degree in Master of Legal Studies and Master of Dispute Resolution

## Dual Degree Requirements

A dual degree in Master of Dispute Resolution and Master of Legal Studies at Pepperdine Caruso School of Law requires 50 units. Residency courses are 1 unit each and all other courses are 2 units each. All courses are taken throughout eight-week sessions, with a typical course load consisting of two courses per term.

### CHECKLIST INSTRUCTIONS

- Print this document so you can track your progress to complete your dual degree requirements.
- In the columns MLS and MDR, please indicate the # of units for each class you took and if you took that class as an MLS or MDR student.
- In the column Term, indicate the term in which you took/plan to take each course (ie: Fall 2021).
- Reference your DAR where necessary.
- You should complete this document and schedule time with your SSA to review.

If you would prefer to track your progress digitally, you can do so through this [templated Google doc](#).

### Required Courses

The 32 units of required courses are designed to give you a solid understanding of various aspects of the law.

#### Foundation Courses – 6 Units Required

LAW #	Course Name	MLS	MDR	Term
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			

#### MLS Core Courses – 12 Units Required

LAW #	Course Name	MLS	MDR	Term
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			

#### MDR Core Courses – 10 Units Required

LAW #	Course Name	MLS	MDR	Term
LAW 5401	<a href="#">Mediation Theory and Practice</a> – 2 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="#">Employment Disputes</a> – 2 units			

#### Residency Courses – 4 Units Required

LAW #	Course Name	MLS	MDR	Term
LAW 5202	<a href="#">MLS Residency 1 – Law, the Legal System, and Society</a> – 1 units			
LAW 5201	<a href="#">MLS Residency 2 – Law in Practice</a> – 1 units			
LAW 5203	<a href="#">MDR Residency 1 – Dispute Resolution in Practice 1</a> – 1 units			
LAW 5204	<a href="#">MDR Residency 2 – Dispute Resolution in Practice 2</a> – 1 units			

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### Elective Courses

Once you complete your required courses, you may take electives based on the topics that interest you. You must take at least 18 units of electives.

#### MLS Elective Courses – (Choose 6 Units)

LAW #	Course Name	MLS	MDR	Term
LAW 5117	<a href="#">Administrative Law and Regulatory Compliance</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 5309	<a href="#">Practical Litigation</a> – 2 units			
LAW 5306	<a href="#">Employment Law</a> – 2 units			
LAW 5307	<a href="#">Law and Policy Study Tour</a> – 2 units			

#### MDR Elective Courses – (Choose 12 Units)

LAW #	Course Name	MLS	MDR	Term
LAW 1242	<a href="#">Environmental Public Policy and 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 for 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</a> – 2 units			

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## Electives by Term

Please reference the chart below for 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.

### MLS

Fall Electives	
Session 1	Session 2
Business Organizations	Health
Employment Law	Intellectual Property
Law & Policy Study Tour	

Spring Electives	
Session 1	Session 2
Administrative Law and Regulatory Compliance	Education
Business Organizations	Intellectual Property
Employment Law	
Ombuds	

Summer Electives	
Session 1	Session 2
Administrative Law and Regulatory Compliance	Education
Employment Law	Health
Ombuds	Intellectual Property
Law & Policy Study Tour	
Practical Litigation	

### MDR

Fall Electives	
Session 1	Session 2
Entertainment	Apology
Divorce & Family Mediation	Conflict & Systems Design
Law & Policy Study Tour	Advanced Mediation Seminar
International Comm Arbitration	

Spring Electives	
Session 1	Session 2
Ombuds	Environmental
Entertainment	Conflict & Systems Design
Divorce & Family Mediation	

Summer Electives	
Session 1	Session 2
Ombuds	Advanced Mediation Seminar
Law & Policy Study Tour	Apology
Divorce & Family Mediation	
International Commercial Arbitration	
Practical Litigation	

For a full list of elective course descriptions, you can visit our [dual degree page](#).

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## Course Offerings by Term and Sequence

	REQUIRED?	SESSIONS OFFERED	TERMS OFFERED		
			SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
<b>CORE COURSES</b>					
<b>MLS Core Courses</b>					
LAW 5115 – Civil Procedure and Litigation	YES	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5114 – Constitutional Law	YES	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5110 – Contracts	YES	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5116 – Criminal Law and Procedure	YES	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5113 – Property	YES	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5111 – Torts	YES	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
<b>MDR Core Courses</b>					
LAW 5401 – Mediation Theory and Practice	YES	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5402 – Arbitration Theory and Practice	YES	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5403 – Cross-Cultural Conflict & Dispute Resolution	YES	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5405 – Psychology of Conflict & Communication	YES	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5406 – Employment Disputes	YES	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
<b>ELECTIVES</b>					
<b>MLS Electives</b>					
LAW 5302 – Business Organizations	NO	Session 1	✓	✓	
LAW 5306 – Employment Law	NO	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5307 – Law & Policy Study Tour	NO	Session 1	✓		✓
LAW 5301 – Health	NO	Session 2	✓		✓
LAW 5305 – Intellectual Property	NO	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5117 – Administrative Law and Regulatory Compliance	NO	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 0000 – Ombuds	NO	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5304 – Education	NO	Session 2	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5309 – Practical Litigation	NO	Session 1	✓		✓
<b>MDR Electives</b>					
LAW 2282 – Entertainment	YES	Session 1	✓	✓	
LAW 1932 – Divorce & Family Mediation	YES	Session 1	✓	✓	✓
LAW 5307 – Law & Policy Study Tour	YES	Session 1	✓		✓
LAW 5115 – International Commercial Arbitration	YES	Session 1	✓		✓
LAW 2282 – Apology	NO	Session 2	✓		✓
LAW 2282 – Conflict & Systems Design	NO	Session 2	✓	✓	
LAW 1522 – Advanced Mediation Seminar	NO	Session 2	✓		✓
LAW 2282 – Ombuds	NO	Session 1		✓	✓
LAW 1242 – Environmental	NO	Session 2		✓	
LAW 5309 – Practical Litigation	NO	Session 1			✓

\*Course offerings are subject to change each term.