

ONLINE MASTER'S DEGREE IN LEGAL STUDIES (MLS): CONCENTRATION IN PHARMACEUTICAL & MEDICAL DEVICE LAW & COMPLIANCE

The MLS program provides non-attorney professionals working in all industries with the tools and expertise to navigate the complex legal and regulatory aspects of regulated industries. The concentration in Pharmaceutical & Medical Device Law & Compliance exposes students to legal, ethical, and policy issues specific to the life sciences industry and helps students build analytical and communication skills necessary for continued professional development. Courses provide a comprehensive overview of current laws and regulations governing pharmaceuticals and medical devices in the United States. Professionals who complete the degree will be uniquely positioned to respond to legal developments within their organizations.

The MLS degree is designed to accommodate the busy schedules of working professionals:

- Courses are available online or onsite *(All required courses and some core courses must be taken online).
- Multiple degree concentrations are tailored to industry specialties.
- Classes are small, ensuring individual attention.
- Online courses run only 8 weeks each.
- Online courses are fully asynchronous.
- 3 start dates throughout the year make it easy to begin the program (January, June & September).
- Courses are offered 5 times throughout the year (January, March, June, September & November).
- Students may complete the MLS degree on a part-time basis in as little as two years. Students also may complete the degree on a full-time basis in one year.

The MLS provides a rigorous grounding in the law for students who do not want to become lawyers, but who, instead, want to use the law to enhance their effectiveness and marketability in a primarily non-legal career. The MLS is designed to help you acquire or develop a unique set of skills that promotes confidence, leadership, critical thinking and problem-solving – all of which are valuable to employers. Skills expand as your studies continue, but you will not have to wait to showcase your ability. Many graduates report that they have been able to apply what they learned in class to their work environment in real time. The skills they repeatedly acknowledge generally fall into three categories:

1. Enhanced **communication** skills begin to develop with the very first course. The legal writing method taught by Seton Hall Law provides a strategy for creating clear and concise written products. The ability to communicate well enables you to influence others and is a sought-after leadership skill;
2. **Legal analysis** is a key component of the MLS curriculum. Students quickly learn to identify central issues within a specific set of facts, consult relevant law and policy for guidance, and respond

with concrete conclusions and recommendations. This analytical framework becomes internalized and makes it easy for you to transfer the skill to any job in any industry; and

3. **Critical thinking** skills are thoroughly developed. Courses in the MLS degree program require students to think critically and creatively, share ideas and opinions, and use knowledge applied to facts to solve problems. People who can work through problems independently or as an effective member of a team are an asset to employers.

Combining this degree with their professional experiences, MLS graduates have numerous opportunities available to them. Alumni work in a broad spectrum of positions as compliance officers, HR professionals, cybersecurity and privacy officers, contract managers and analysts, healthcare administrators, nurse managers, patent/trademark assistants, pharmaceutical executives, quality assurance managers, supervisors, clinical operations or clinical trial directors, and lobbyists. Courses are offered fully asynchronously online to accommodate working students.

Admission Requirements

A candidate seeking admission to the MLS Program must have at least a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university, or the foreign equivalent.

Admission decisions are based on quality of undergraduate performance and, if applicable, graduate school academic records, ability to do superior work, and writing skills.

Candidates are not required to take pre-admissions tests such as the LSAT, GRE or GMAT. Any applicant whose pre-college education was in a language other than English will be required to take the Test of English as a Second Language (TOEFL).

Admission Procedures

Interested applicants must apply directly to the Law School. Please contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at (973) 642-8871 or go to the MLS Website (<https://law.shu.edu/online/graduate-degrees/MSJ/>) to request information regarding the M.L.S. degree. Applications may be accessed and submitted online (<https://shu-law.edu.185r.net/application/login/>), along with:

- 500-word personal statement outlining applicant's professional goals;
- current résumé or employment history;
- official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended; and
- two letters of recommendation.

Financial Assistance

Financial aid may be available through the Federal Loan Program. A limited number of scholarships are available each semester. For more information, please call the Office of Financial Resource Management at (973) 642-8744.

Course of Study

The MLS candidate must complete 31 credit-hours of coursework online or at the Law School. The MLS candidate's curriculum for the Master of Legal Studies with a concentration in Pharmaceutical & Medical Device Law & Compliance track is made up of four required foundation courses, four core courses and two elective courses. The program begins three times a year: in January, June or September with the 4-credit Introduction

to Law and Legal Writing to orient the MLS student to the tools of legal reasoning.

Required Courses

- Must take all in sequence
- All courses are offered **ONLINE only**

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
HLTH 7390	Intro to Law and Legal Writing	4
HLTH 7409	Torts-Liability for Civil Wrsgs	3
HLTH 7400	Fundamentals of Business Law	3
HLTH 7402	Constitutional Law Survey	3
Core Courses *		
Select four:		12
HLTH 9529	Biotechnology and the Law	
HLTH 7685	CRL: Compl Iss for Res Sponsr	
HLTH 7680	CRL:Ethical Reg Iss Des Cl Trl	
HLTH 7590	CILS-Advertising-Promo-Tran	
HLTH 7580	CILS-Fraud and Corruption	
INDL 7550	Cybersecurity & Prv I:Lw & Pol	
INDL 7555	Cyber & Prv II: Comp Rsk Mgmt	
CORP 7180	EU Data Pro and Pv Lw:The GDPR	
HLTH 7560	FDA Regulation and Liability	
CORP 7160	Global Corrup-Reg-Com and Enf	
HLTH 7504	HIPAA Privacy and Security	
Elective Courses **		
Select two:		6
INDL 7326	Casinos & Hospitality Law	
HLTH 7524	Children's Health and the Law	
INDL 7328	Collegiate Athletics Lw & Pol	
HLTH 7670	Comp Iss for Hlth Care Prov	
LABR 7030	Cond Internal Investigations	
INDL 7306	Consumer Data Privacy Law	
INDL 7316	Entertainment Lw:Reg of Ind Pr	
INDL 7313	Entertainment Law: Torts	
CORP 8160	Financial Crimes Compliance	
CORP 7185	Financial Privacy Law	
INDL 7400	Gaming Law I	
INDL 7401	Gaming Law II	
CORP 7144	Govern-Compl-Enforce-Risk Mgmt	
HLTH 7519	Introduction to Bioethics	
CORP 7140	Introduction to Corporate Law	
LABR 7000	Manag Leg Iss in the Workplace	
INDL 7333	Prof Sports Law and Policy	
PUBR 7905	Race and Found of American Law	
INDL 7336	Sports Bet & Fantasy Sports	
HLTH 7690	Stark Law and Compliance	
HLTH 7660	The Law of Patient Care	
INDL 7332	Title IX Gender Equity Sports	
LABR 7600	Workplace Privacy Law	

Total Hours

31

- * • Must take four courses (at least two must be **Compliance Issues in the Life Sciences -- Fraud & Corruption, Compliance Issues in the Life Sciences -- Advertising, Promotion and Transparency or FDA Regulation & Liability**)
- Students may substitute appropriate in-person courses offered at Seton Hall Law School's Newark campus in place of courses listed below with the prior written permission of the Associate Academic Director.

- ** • Must take two
- Can be from any of the concentration areas (including life sciences law courses above)