



American University's Online Master of Legal Studies

Why Earn an MLS From Washington College of Law?

Develop the legal competence needed to solve challenges in your role.

Designed for non-lawyers who have law-related responsibilities, the online MLS program can benefit professionals in almost every field. As part of the 30-credit law curriculum, you can take up to 3 courses from the [Kogod School of Business](#) or the [#8-ranked School of International Service](#) to equip you not only with a solid foundation in the U.S. legal system but also skills in international relations and business.

Whether your daily job functions involve contracts, policy, or compliance, the MLS program will prepare you with the fundamental training and industry-specific knowledge needed to stay ahead in the changing legal landscape.

Become part of a law school dedicated to equality, diversity, and inclusivity.

Founded by two women at a time when women were largely excluded from the legal profession, AU's Washington College of Law remains dedicated to our tradition of providing opportunities for those historically outside of the mainstream of the legal profession.

30 Credits

12-24 Months

5 Industry-Specific Specializations

Join a Respected Law School

American University Washington College of Law is ranked a best law school by U.S. News & World Report and Princeton Review in the following areas:

#4

International
Law*

#10

Intellectual
Property Law*

#11

Health
Law*



Online Learning With Face-to-Face Connections

The flexible nature of the online MLS program allows you to pursue your degree without relocating or interrupting your career.

Online Flexibility

Come face to face with classmates and professors in weekly, live online classes and develop knowledge that can be applied to your job in real time.

On-Campus Experiences

Participate in hands-on learning, complete a 1.5-credit course, and network with your classmates and faculty at a weekend immersion on the American University campus in Washington, D.C.

Dedicated AU Faculty

Learn from the same experienced legal practitioners who teach on campus. Our professors have spent their careers examining how the law intersects with different industries and how it can be used to make a positive impact on society.

Specializations That Align With Your Career Goals

Customize your curriculum by selecting a specialization that provides industry-specific legal training.



General MLS

Gain a comprehensive understanding of U.S. legal concepts and procedures that affect your organization on a daily basis. Professionals who would benefit from this track include:

- paralegals
- HR professionals
- social workers
- government employees



Health Care Compliance

Develop specialized knowledge needed to comply with health care law in order to best serve your organization or provide quality care for your patients. Professionals who would benefit from this track include:

- health care administrators
- legal nurse consultants
- health care compliance auditors



Business

Learn to make effective, lawful business decisions when dealing with contracts, negotiations, or complicated transactions. This track is designed to benefit professionals who work in:

- business
- finance
- government contracting
- international business



Technology

Stay up to date with the rapid growth of technology and ensure compliance with the constantly changing laws surrounding the sharing and accessing of information. This track can benefit tech specialists in areas including:

- IT
- information privacy
- software engineering
- cybersecurity



Cybersecurity

Learn to comply with internet law and data regulations, protect against data exposure, and better understand the legal and compliance concepts surrounding big data. This track is designed to benefit professionals who work in:

- cybersecurity
- information privacy
- e-discovery specialist

Earn your MLS online and learn to translate legal expertise into business solutions.

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