The Online Master of Legal Studies in Law From William & Mary

Established in 1779, William & Mary Law School has built its foundation on more than 300 years of excellence. We may be the oldest law school, but our faculty members embrace innovative methods of instruction and delivery to give you the hands-on, interdisciplinary educational experiences needed to excel in your career.

As a new addition to the highly ranked J.D. and LL.M. programs, the online Master of Legal Studies (MLS) is designed for non-J.D. professionals who want to expand their career opportunities through an understanding of the U.S. legal system. The MLS program offers industry-specific concentrations—Compliance and Risk Management, Law and Emerging Technologies, and Health Law—to help you maximize your potential and take on the legal challenges of your field.

Join William & Mary and get a "Public Ivy" education online.

Online Program Structure

- 100% online
- 2 years to completion part-time
- 32 credits
- 8-week courses, 2 courses per semester
- Completely asynchronous courses

Admissions Requirements

- Completed online application form
- Official transcripts
- Resume/CV
- Personal statement
- One letter of recommendation from a professional or academic recommender

For additional information about application materials and the submission process at William & Mary Law, visit us online.

Program Benefits

- Learn on your schedule with asynchronous classes
- Learn from experienced, working legal experts who teach and practice corporate compliance
- Gain access to a valued and diverse network of colleagues and mentors within William & Mary Law and broader William & Mary communities
- Build concentrated expertise to work more knowledgeably with lawyers and gain increased regulatory and legal awareness

Career-Defining Legal Concentrations

William & Mary offers three concentrations to grow your expertise in the area that means the most to your career.

Choose from:

Compliance and Risk Management

The online MLS with a Concentration in Compliance and Risk Management will help you tackle the complex regulatory environment impacting various sectors, including government, healthcare, nonprofits and beyond. Get the expertise you need to lead compliance initiatives, assess and manage risks or shape ethical business and human resources practices.

Health Law

Gain a comprehensive understanding of the legal frameworks and regulations shaping the healthcare industry with the online MLS with a Concentration in Health Law. You'll analyze critical legal issues in healthcare administration, such as compliance, risk management, patient rights, professional liability and the legal obligations of healthcare providers and organizations.

Law and Emerging Technologies

Build a strong foundation in the legal and regulatory frameworks that govern technologies with the online MLS with a Concentration in Law and Emerging Technologies. Develop critical skills in cyber risk assessment and legal analysis, and identify and evaluate risks related to data breaches, privacy concerns and intellectual property challenges in a digital world.

Unparalleled Legal Instruction Through a Comprehensive Curriculum

William & Mary's online MLS program is 32 credits earned through 16 credits of general law courses and 16 credits of work in your selected concentration. You will take 10 courses in total throughout your time in the program.

General online MLS courses:

Introduction to U.S. Law and the Legal System **(2 credits)**
Law, Ethics and Responsible Leadership **(2 credits)**
Contract Law: Interpretation and Strategy **(4 credits)**
Business Associations and Organizational Management **(4 credits)**
Foundations of Regulatory Law: Antitrust, Privacy and Tax **(4 credits)**

Compliance and Risk Management concentration courses:

Risk Management and Liability **(4 CREDITS)**

The Regulatory Landscape **(4 CREDITS)**

Compliance Strategy and Organizational Integration **(4 CREDITS)**

Electives **(CHOOSE TWO, 2-CREDIT ELECTIVES):**

- Cybersecurity and Privacy **(2 CREDITS)**
- Dispute Resolution **(2 CREDITS)**
- Project Finance Basics **(2 CREDITS)**

Health Law concentration courses:

Health Law Frameworks and Regulations **(4 CREDITS)**

Healthcare Administration: Legal Issues and Risk Management **(4 CREDITS)**

Policy, Patient Rights and Equity in Healthcare **(4 CREDITS)**

Electives **(CHOOSE TWO, 2-CREDIT OR ONE, 4-CREDIT ELECTIVES):**

- Cybersecurity and Privacy **(2 CREDITS)**
- Dispute Resolution **(2 CREDITS)**
- Project Finance Basics **(2 CREDITS)**
- Ethics and Regulation of Biotech and Health Technologies **(4 CREDITS)**

Law and Emerging Technologies concentration courses:

AI and the Law (4 credits)

Cybersecurity and the Law: Compliance, Ethics and Global Governance **(4 CREDITS)**

Ethics and Regulation of Biotech and Health Technologies **(4 CREDITS)**

Electives **(CHOOSE TWO, 2-CREDIT ELECTIVES):**

- Cybersecurity and Privacy **(2 CREDITS)**
- Dispute Resolution **(2 CREDITS)**
- Project Finance Basics **(2 CREDITS)**

Redefine What's Possible With a Master of Legal Studies

Earn a Master of Legal Studies that gives you the practical skills and interdisciplinary excellence you need to get ahead in your field. Join William & Mary Law School online.

If you have questions or want to learn more about the online MLS program, schedule a call with our admissions team.

SCHEDULE A CALL