

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN LEGAL STUDIES



BUILD THE LEGAL EXPERTISE TO ADVANCE IN A WIDE RANGE OF FIELDS

From business to government to health care, nearly every industry has a need for professionals with an advanced legal education. The laws, their regulation, and the legal process are no longer simply consigned to the legal department. Purdue University Global's online master's degree offers you a comprehensive, in-depth understanding of the legal system. You'll have the opportunity to build a solid foundation in legal doctrine and concepts while you refine your ability to identify and analyze law-related issues.

WHY STUDY LAW AT PURDUE GLOBAL?

ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS

Earn your degree 100% online, while meeting the demands of your career. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services.

FACULTY EXPERTISE

Learn from experienced professionals with a variety of backgrounds in law, policy, education, and more. All professors possess a JD, PhD, or an advanced credential.

SMALL CLASS SIZES

Enjoy a personalized experience in our interactive learning environment. The program is cohort-based through the first year, allowing you to establish strong academic relationships with your classmates and faculty nationwide.

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and faculty office hours, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your work and life responsibilities.

RESPECTED. EXPERIENCED. COMMITTED.

As the largest provider of legal support services programs in the United States, we've supported the career and educational advancement of more than 6,500 legal studies graduates since 2001.¹

NATIONALLY RANKED AND RESPECTED

Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*.²

PROGRAM OUTCOMES SUPPORT YOUR CAREER GROWTH

Gain the Practical Knowledge and Skills That Employers Demand

Solve real-world issues by applying legal principles in a case study format to build strong, complex problem-solving skills. The program emphasizes:

- **Legal Principles:** Learn to apply legal principles and concepts to the analysis of complex social, political, and economic issues.
- **Ethics:** Reflect on the ethical and moral implications of the law and legal processes.
- **Leadership:** Learn how to shape change and improve the application and direction of the law and the legal system in relation to institutions and society.
- **Reflective Practice:** Utilize the skills of a reflective practitioner to analyze and solve problems within a professional context.

Prepare for Senior Positions in a Diverse Range of Fields

Earning your Master of Science in Legal Studies could help you pursue senior management, administration, and leadership roles in any sector in which knowledge of the legal system, terminology, and procedures could be advantageous.

CURRICULUM

All courses are reviewed and revised continually by legal experts to ensure they reflect the most recent developments and legislation. You can customize your degree plan by choosing electives to build focused expertise in your chosen career field.

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Foundations of the legal system
- Process and procedure
- Dispute resolution
- Legal research and writing
- Legal reasoning and analysis
- Ethical decision-making
- Jurisprudence
- Legal history
- Substantive areas of law
- Use of the law library

TRACKS OF STUDY

Choose one of two capstone options as the program's final, culminating experience:

- **Applied Research Project:** Apply the legal concepts you learn to address current social, economic, political, and institutional problems. Develop a better understanding of applied research methods and their application to legal studies.
- **Comprehensive Exam:** Successfully complete a written examination covering the core curriculum courses.

PROGRAM DETAIL

Credit Hours: 55

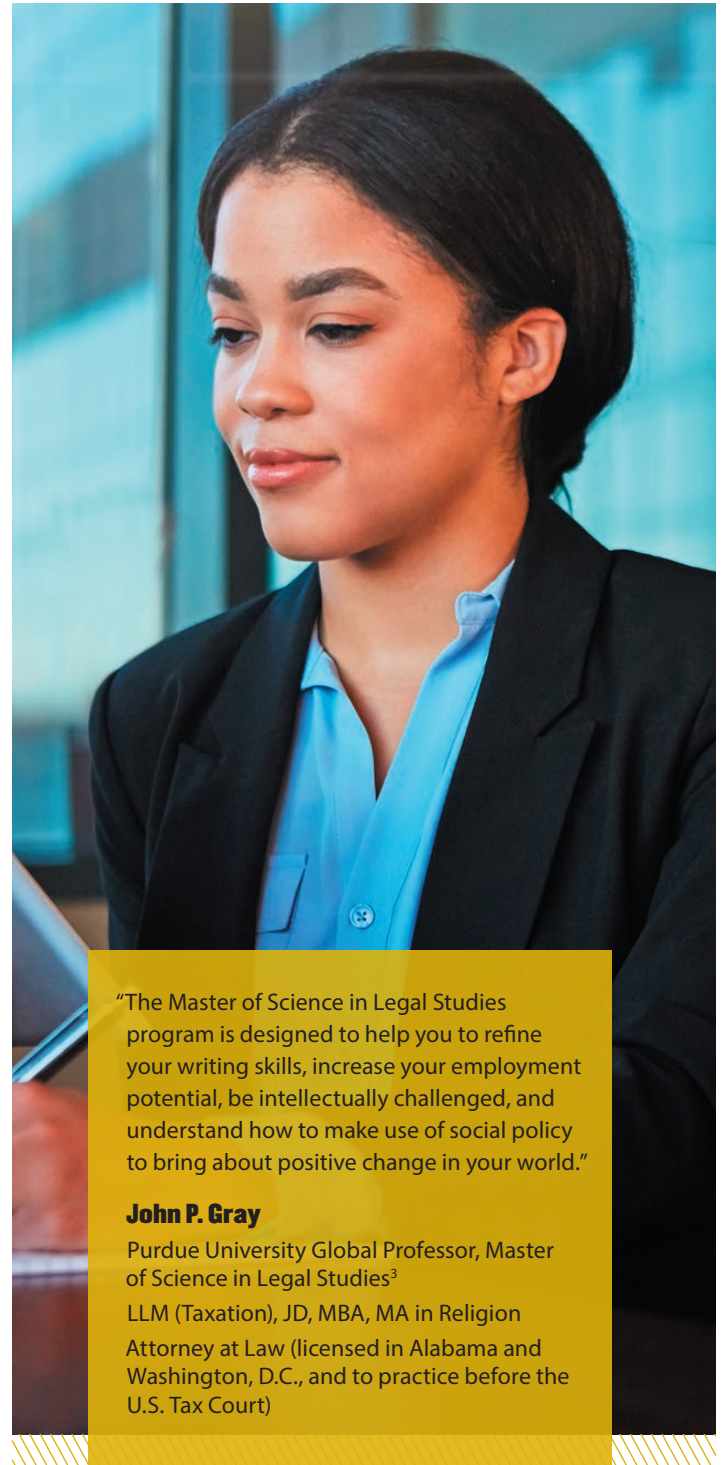
Program Length: 1.5–2 years of full-time study

Course Load: 1–2 courses per term

Terms: 10 weeks long

Start Dates: Every 11 weeks

Delivery: 100% online



“The Master of Science in Legal Studies program is designed to help you to refine your writing skills, increase your employment potential, be intellectually challenged, and understand how to make use of social policy to bring about positive change in your world.”

John P. Gray

Purdue University Global Professor, Master of Science in Legal Studies³

LLM (Taxation), JD, MBA, MA in Religion
Attorney at Law (licensed in Alabama and Washington, D.C., and to practice before the U.S. Tax Court)

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

- Juris Doctor Program—Concord Law School at Purdue University Global
- Executive Juris Doctor Program—Concord Law School at Purdue University Global
- Master of Public Administration

CAREER AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

- Overall, demand for legal services is growing and shifting. In addition, the need for legal professionals with regulatory and global compliance expertise is increasing.⁴
- The following occupations have a bright employment outlook from 2019 to 2029: risk management specialists; fraud examiners, investigators, and analysts; arbitrators, mediators, and conciliators; and private investigators.⁵

CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES^{6,7}

Roles

- Compliance director
- Federal regulatory agent
- Legal and compliance research analyst
- Public policy director
- Private investigator
- Court administrator
- Regulatory affairs manager
- Health care compliance and regulations administrator

Settings/Industries

- Nonprofit
- Corporate
- Government and regulatory
- Legal aid
- Public interest, advocacy, and policy
- Consulting
- Health care
- Insurance
- Real estate
- Banking or finance
- Copyright, licensing, and media

THE CENTER FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT

Our Career Specialists connect legal studies students with job and networking opportunities and offer the following assistance:

- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

NETWORKING

With more than 6,500 legal studies graduates, you'll join a wide network of students, alumni, faculty, and employers.

Purdue Global Law Society seeks to promote the engagement of students in understanding and participating in key legal issues involving justice, public policy, and environmental law and policy.

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

The HLC (HLCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at **844-PURDUE-G** or visit **PurdueGlobal.edu**.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.

1 Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), 2018-2019 Total Degrees and Certificates Conferred, First Major, Legal Support Services, nces.ed.gov/IPEDS. Based on total number of degrees and certificates granted by Purdue Global compared to other Title IV institutions.

2 Source: www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states. Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

3 This testimonial was obtained by Kaplan University. Purdue University acquired Kaplan University in March 2018 and created Purdue University Global, which is following the same curriculum format and instructional delivery methods as developed and used by Kaplan University. The views and opinions expressed are those of the individual; experiences may vary.

4 Source: Deloitte, *Future Trends for Legal Services: Global Research Study*, June 2016.

5 Source: O*Net OnLine. *Bright Outlook Occupations: Arbitrators, Mediators, and Conciliators; Fraud Examiners, Investigators, and Analysts; Risk Management Specialists; and Private Detectives and Investigators*. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

6 Purdue Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement.

7 Graduates are not authorized to practice law and will not be eligible to sit for any state's bar examination. Local and state agencies may require additional background checks and work and educational experience for government, legislative, and elected roles. This program was not designed to meet any specific state's requirements for licensure or certification, and Purdue Global makes no representations or warranties as to whether the degree or any individual courses meet such requirements. Refer to the University Catalog for additional information.