## **KEY PROGRAM FEATURES**

The Master of Science (MS) in Legal Studies is designed for graduate students and professionals whose area of research or employment would benefit from further study of the legal system. Ideal candidates include, but are not limited to, graduate students in other disciplines (such as political science, economics, international relations, engineering, philosophy, business or medicine) or professionals from different fields (such as journalism, business, science or technology), who will benefit from studying law, but who do not wish to become attorneys.









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UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO SCHOOL OF LAW

## **DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

## **ACADEMIC CONCENTRATIONS**

Admission to the MS in Legal Studies program is competitive. Admitted candidates have excellent academic credentials and/ or significant professional experience.

Admissions criteria include the following:

- Applicants must possess an undergraduate degree from an accredited four-year college or university in the U.S. (or equivalent from a foreign institution).
- Applicants must establish by their academic record that they possess the ability to successfully complete graduate law school work.
- Many candidates also possess a graduate degree or minimum of 3 years professional experience.

- Candidates must successfully complete 26 credit hours of coursework.
- Required courses: At least two electives from the first-year JD curriculum, which includes Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law I, Contracts, Criminal Law, Property and Torts. The Legal Writing and Research course offered to firstyear JD students is not available to MS in Legal Studies candidates.
- Remaining courses may be chosen from a range of courses that span the law school curriculum, including courses in areas such as business and corporate law, criminal law, employment law, environmental law, family law, health law, international law, intellectual property, and public interest law and policy.

The School of Law is pleased to offer specialized Concentration areas within the MS in Legal Studies. After enrolling in the program, candidates have the option of pursuing a Concentration in one of the following areas:

- Business and Corporate Law
- Criminal Law
- Environmental and Energy Law
- Intellectual Property
- International Law
- Taxation



• Fall Admission: June 1

• Spring Admission: November 1

Completed applications are reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the year.



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