

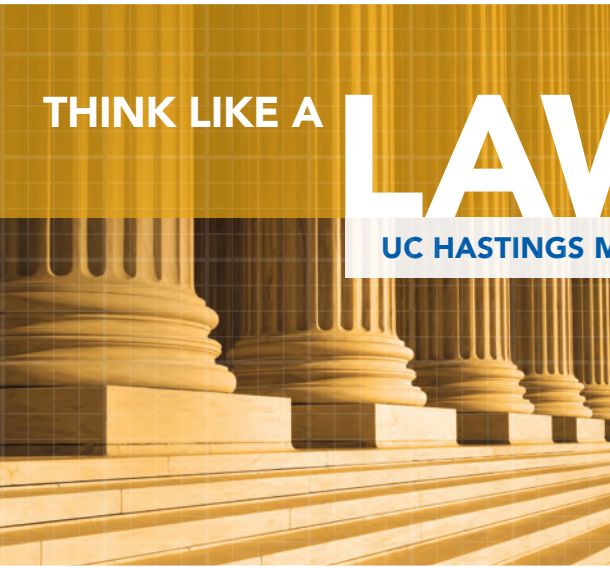
MSL



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LAWYER

UC HASTINGS MASTER OF STUDIES IN LAW



“If you are a health or science professional who interacts with or relies upon the law — or if the law impacts your research, clients, or patients — the UC Hastings MSL degree will give you the tools to do your job better or prepare you for a better job.”

— David L. Faigman, J.D., M.A.

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Professor John Diamond, a leading scholar and teacher in Criminal Law and Torts

The law permeates all aspects of contemporary life, and has a tremendous impact across a wide array of professional and academic endeavors. The law is particularly central to the success of health and science professionals, whether it provides the framework within which they work or is a component of their research.

Health and science professionals increasingly deal with the modern regulatory state, participate in legal processes, research legal actors and institutions, and interact with legal systems. Yet most health and science professionals have little training in understanding the complexities and nuances of the law and legal processes. As generations of law students have learned, the law is not merely what appears in case opinions, regulations, and statutes; it is a way of thinking. Indeed, learning to “think like a lawyer” is one of the primary objectives of graduate training in law.

The UC Hastings Master of Studies in Law (MSL) is a one-year program designed for health and science professionals who want to equip themselves with a sophisticated understanding of legal reasoning and doctrine, but who do not need the three-year J.D. degree.

The MSL degree is designed to allow students the flexibility to tailor their coursework according to their personal interests and professional needs.

MSL students have access to the full spectrum of course offerings at UC Hastings. This includes courses in core legal doctrine, such as constitutional law, contracts, and torts, as well as courses focusing specifically on the application of law to the sciences, such as health law, forensic science, or intellectual property law. An especially exciting feature of the UC Hastings MSL is that students also have the opportunity to complete coursework at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF).

UCSF is one of the world's leading universities for education and research in the health professions and life sciences, with schools of medicine, nursing, dentistry, and pharmacy, as well as a graduate division that awards degrees in the natural and social sciences.

Students can expect to receive guidance from UC Hastings' world-class faculty on areas of possible focus. Students must complete a total of 28 units to earn the MSL degree, which includes both required and elective coursework. A part-time enrollment option is available.

Core (Required) MSL coursework includes:

1. Legal Research & Writing for MSL Students (Fall, 2 units)
2. MSL Seminar (Spring, 2 units)
3. Minimum of one of the following first-year classes in the first semester:

Civil Procedure 1

Contracts 1

Property

Constitutional Law 1

Criminal Law

Torts

Courses of interest to MSL students include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Administrative Law
- Bioethics, Law & Healthcare Decision-Making
- Child Maltreatment in Context Seminar
- Children & the Law
- Class Action Seminar
- Constitutional Law II
- Criminal Procedure
- Disability Law Seminar
- Domestic Violence Law
- Education Law
- Elder Law
- Employment Discrimination
- Evidence
- Family Law
- Food and Drug Law
- Forensic Evidence Seminar
- Genetics: Issues in Law & Policy
- Germs, Globalization and Governance
- Global Health Law & Policy
- Health Care Finance, Administration, and Policy
- Health Law
- Incentives in Health Care Seminar
- Insurance Law
- Intellectual Property
- International Human Rights
- Law and Biosciences (LAB Project)
- Law and Economics Seminar
- Law and Health Science Seminar
- Law and Social Anthropology Seminar
- Law and the Human Body Seminar
- Law, Psychiatry & the Mental Health System
- Mediation
- Medical Liability Law
- Modern Bioethics
- Negotiation & Mediation
- Patents & Trade Secret Law
- Personal Injury Litigation
- Problem Solving and Professional Judgment
- Psychiatry & Law Seminar
- Public Health & Homelessness Seminar
- Public Health Law
- Public Policy Advocacy Seminar
- Race, Racism & American Law
- Science in Law
- Scientific Methods for Lawyers
- Social, Legal & Ethical Implications of Human Reproductive & Genetic Technology
- Sociology of the Criminal Justice System
- Sexuality and the Law
- Special Education Law Seminar
- Women's Health & the Law
- Wrongful Convictions Seminar

For a comprehensive listing of all the courses at UC Hastings, consult the online course catalogue at www.uchastings.edu/academics.

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How do I find out which laws apply to my

What factors should I think about

How can I con

What does an ex

What do I need to know to be a better

Whose informed consent "

Do I have to go

How do I operationally define my variable

Why do rules change

What do I do if there is no relevant law

Does health reform change my practice?
How do I work?

How can I effect regulatory change?
What are the risks in assessing risk?

How do I communicate with our lawyers?
What can an expert witness do?


How can I protect my ideas?
How do I advocate for my patients?

What are the "counts" for this treatment?
When can I go to court for this?

How do I ensure so that my data will be legally relevant?
How do I move from state to state?

WHO KNOWS.

Whatever you do as a science
or health professional, you'll do
it better with the MSL.



UC Hastings was founded in 1878 as the original law department of the newly-established University of California. Today, as a stand-alone law school within the UC system, UC Hastings is a legal institution of national prominence with one of the largest alumni networks in the U.S. More than 18,000 UC Hastings graduates practice law in almost every state in the country and, increasingly, in global hotspots such as Shanghai and Hong Kong. In California, Hastings graduates dominate the bench; judges with degrees from UC Hastings outnumber alumni from other law schools by a 3:1 margin.

ABOUT UC HASTINGS

UC Hastings is strategically located in San Francisco's Civic Center neighborhood, where students are immersed in the legal epicenter of the American West. Local, state, and federal courts, as well as San Francisco City Hall and administrative centers such as the Department of Public Health, are located within five-blocks of the UC Hastings campus. UC Hastings is also just minutes away from UCSF's world-class educational, clinical, and research facilities located in San Francisco's Laurel Heights, Inner Sunset, and Mission Bay neighborhoods.



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The MSL program is administered by the UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium, an extraordinary partnership between the University of California Hastings College of the Law and University of California, San Francisco.

The Consortium focuses on the complex issues at the intersection of law, science and health policy. The UCSF/UC Hastings collaboration provides an incomparable learning environment of workshops, lectures, and special events designed to empower you to take your professional skill set to the next level. As a complement to their core law classes, UC Hastings MSL students will be exceptionally well-positioned to take advantage of the latest initiatives in medical education, research, and clinical services.

Learn more about the Consortium at www.UCconsortium.org.

To be considered for admission to the UC Hastings MSL program, candidates must have earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution. In addition to a bachelor's degree, MSL candidates must satisfy **one** of the following requirements:

1. Have substantial professional experience in a scientific or health-related field; or
2. Have earned a graduate degree in the health sciences, natural sciences, or social sciences; or
3. Be currently enrolled, and in good academic standing, in a graduate-level program in the health sciences, natural sciences, or social sciences

The priority deadline for MSL applications is **March 1**.

(After March 1, applications will be considered on a space-available basis.) A complete application for the MSL program must include the following documents:

1. A completed UC Hastings MSL application form
2. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts
3. Resume or *curriculum vitae*
4. Statement of purpose outlining your interest in the MSL program
5. Two letters of recommendation

Standardized test scores are not required for the MSL application if you have completed a graduate degree. If you have not earned a graduate degree, an official LSAT, GRE, MCAT or GMAT score report is required.

Financial aid, fellowships, and scholarships will be available to MSL students.

For more information about the admissions process or to download an application, please visit www.uchastings.edu/msl. If you have questions, please email msl@uchastings.edu or call 415-581-8854.



UC Hastings College of the Law is accredited by the American Bar Association. For the MSL program, additional accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) is required in order for MSL students to be eligible for federal financial aid funds and in order for employers and other colleges and universities to recognize the degrees and academic credit.

The University of California Hastings College of the Law has applied for Eligibility from the Senior College Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. WASC has reviewed the application and determined that the College is eligible to apply for accreditation. WASC will conduct a visit in spring 2012 and will consider UC Hastings for initial accreditation by the WASC Commission at its June 2012 meeting. Questions about the College's Eligibility may be directed to the institution or to WASC at wascsr@wascsenior.org or 510-748-9001.



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