

# LAW, ML

Penn Law’s Master in Law degree enables students and professionals working and studying in related fields to expand their knowledge of law and legal principles. Students enrolled in the program’s specialized curriculum will gain a solid understanding of how the U.S. legal system functions in general as well as specific knowledge of the law in their areas of interest.

The ML degree is available to members of the University of Pennsylvania community (graduate students, alumni, and current staff at Penn and related entities) who are neither law students nor lawyers and who wish to complement their studies or careers in other disciplines with a legal education at Penn Law. Non-Penn affiliates who are interested in the Master in Law degree should contact the program directly to inquire about application opportunities.

The ML degree is intended to provide exposure to critical issues in the law; however, it will not permit a student to sit for any state’s bar examination or otherwise allow recipients to practice law. The American Bar Association regulations do not permit the application of ML classes toward a JD degree.

**For more information:** <https://www.law.upenn.edu/admissions/master-in-law/>

## Curriculum

Eight courses are required to complete the Master in Law degree:

- 3 required ML foundational courses
- 1 elective ML foundational course
- 1 elective course from the JD curriculum (excluding 1L required courses)
- 3 electives from either the JD curriculum or the ML curriculum

Coursework may be completed on a full-time or part-time basis. Members of the Penn community may take one or more ML courses as stand-alone courses before or without enrolling in the ML degree program. Note that a maximum of two ML courses taken prior to matriculation in the ML program may be applied toward the ML degree if request is made and approval is given by the ML program.

## ML Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Course Units
Required Foundational Courses		
LAWM 5110	ML: US Law & Legal Methods	
LAWM 5280	ML: General Business Law	
LAWM 5290	ML: Navigating the Regulatory State	
Elective Foundational Courses		
Select 1 of the following:		
LAWM 5050	ML: American Constitutional Law	
LAWM 5060	ML: Technology Law	
LAWM 5220	ML: Corporate Governance and Compliance	
LAWM 5300	ML: Health Law and Policy Fundamentals	
LAWM 5130	ML: Medical Negligence and Tort Law	
LAWM 5150	ML: Contracts & Negotiations	
LAWM 5360	ML: Fundamentals of US Legal Research - Online	

LAWM 5760	ML: Intro to Patent Law - Online
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### Electives

Select 1 course from JD curriculum <sup>1</sup>

Select 3 courses from either JD or ML curricula <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding 1L required courses.  
<sup>2</sup> ML offerings, designed for non-lawyers, are listed with the subject code LAWM.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2025 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.