

Master of Science in Law: Where Business, Law, and STEM Converge

Northwestern University's Master of Science in Law (MSL) integrates the study of law, regulation, policy, and business into a curriculum for STEM-focused students and professionals. Offered by the Pritzker School of Law, the MSL arms its students with a powerful set of skills and knowledge that allows them to solve multifaceted problems and succeed in today's complex business environment.

MSL graduates go on to become valuable innovators and leaders in their fields. They are prepared for a variety of intersectional roles in business and policy settings and are greatly sought after for what they bring to the table: a holistic approach, the mindset to anticipate challenges and assess risk, and the ability to communicate and interact across disciplines.

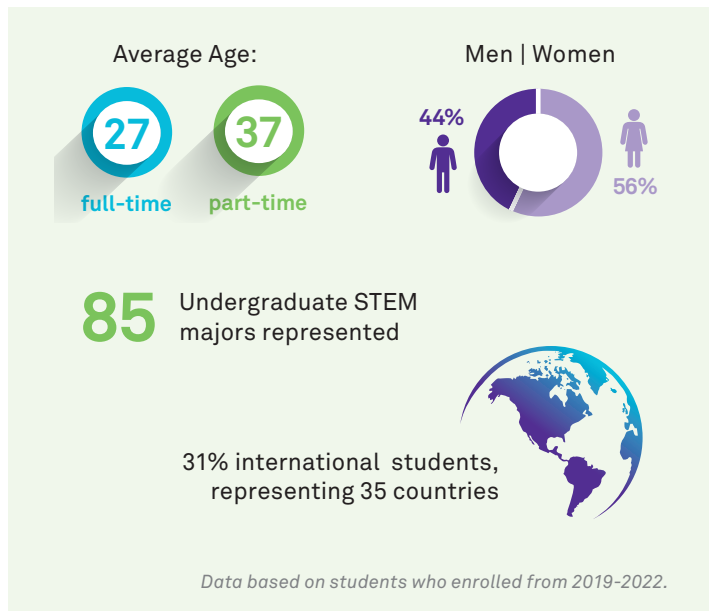
Curriculum

Centering on the intersection of law, business, and technology, the MSL curriculum offers courses in regulatory analysis and strategy, intellectual property and patent design, business and entrepreneurship, and skills development.

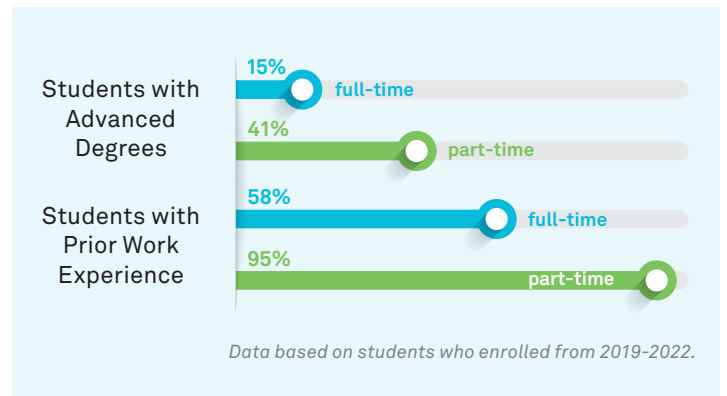
- MSL students customize the program to fit their individual needs; most mix and match courses from all areas of the curriculum, while some choose to focus on one particular area.
- Classes are taught by a combination of Northwestern's renowned faculty and an impressive group of industry experts who bring their practical experiences to the classroom.
- Courses focus on real-world challenges and context. Instructors utilize innovative teaching methodologies and active-learning techniques.
- Several times each year, the MSL offers Power Weeks, which are one-week sessions of compressed classes. These classes give students an opportunity to take an array of electives that cover trending topics and specialized skills. Most online students fulfill their residence requirement by taking in-person Power Week courses.

MSL BY THE NUMBERS

DEMOGRAPHICS



EDUCATIONAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUNDS



ALUMNI

525+ Total Number of MSL Alumni

Law School Community

MSL students benefit greatly from studying at one of the nation's most prestigious law schools. Students have access to world-renowned faculty and a highly successful alumni base, in addition to broader Northwestern University resources.

MSL students are an integral part of the Northwestern Pritzker Law community; they collaborate, network, and socialize with JD and LLM students, and participate with them in various school activities.

Career Development

MSL students benefit from comprehensive professional development support. Dedicated MSL staff meet one-on-one with each student to provide guidance on career options, networking and job searches. In addition, MSL students have access to Northwestern University's Career Advancement resources.

The Northwestern network is like no other – strong, supportive, and well-connected. As members of the Northwestern Pritzker Law community, MSL students have many opportunities to network with industry leaders, professional organizations, and alumni. A combination of guest lectures, panels, events, and career fairs supports students in creating meaningful ties with relevant professional organizations and the entrepreneurship community.

STUDYING IN CHICAGO

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law is located in the heart of downtown Chicago on the shores of Lake Michigan. The third most-populated city in the country, Chicago is home to world-renowned museums, music, and architecture; professional sports; diverse restaurants and night spots; and miles of lakefront parks and beaches.

Chicago is an established center of commerce and government with a thriving entrepreneurship ecosystem, making it an ideal setting for MSL residential study. The city is home to leading pharmaceutical and technology companies; large corporations and law firms; and many successful startup organizations. The nationally-recognized 1871 innovation hub and MATTER – a space for biotech and healthtech startups – are dynamic components of the local scene, as are top-ranked accelerator programs, including Techstars Chicago and Impact Engine.



MSL FORMATS

RESIDENTIAL FULL-TIME

- Duration: *9 months*
- Location: *Chicago campus*
- Start Date: *August*
- Format options: *Residential students can take up to 9 credits in online elective courses.*

ONLINE PART-TIME

- Duration: *2–4 years*
- Location: *Online*
- Start Dates: *August and January*
- Format options: *Online students must take 2 credits in residential elective courses in Chicago, and may take as many in-person elective courses as they wish.*

ADMISSIONS

MSL applicants must submit an online application, which includes a statement of interest, a resume or CV, a video interview, a letter of recommendation, and official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions. International students must submit a TOEFL or IELTS score, or they can request a waiver from the Admissions Committee. No other standardized test score is required, although applicants may submit a score if they choose.

A limited number of merit- and need-based scholarships are available for full-time residential students, including designated scholarships for applicants with PhDs. Most students are eligible for loan packaging to cover the cost of attendance.

Applications are reviewed regularly during the admissions cycle.