The Master of Studies in Law (MSL) program is designed for accomplished professionals and academics in other disciplines who want to increase their understanding of law and legal analysis in order to strengthen their professional skills. It is a non-professional, terminal degree program designed for those who have had no legal training and who do not desire a professional law degree.

MSL students attend innovative and multi-disciplinary classes with full-time JD and LLM students. With an internationally renowned faculty, a rich and diverse curriculum, and the resources of a world-class, comprehensive research university, the College of Law features a first-rate academic program designed to prepare students to excel in their careers.

Students can enroll full-time and complete the MSL degree in one year, or enroll part-time and complete the MSL degree in two years.

Who Should Apply?
Successful candidates come from established careers in academia, journalism, human resources, finance, risk management, government, hospital administration, engineering, contract management, technology, compliance, and other business-related fields. Candidates must hold a bachelor's degree in a field other than law.

Program Overview
MSL students take courses from the same curriculum offerings available to JD and LLM students. To obtain the MSL degree, students complete 12 credit hours of introductory courses, 20 credit hours of electives tailored to the student's career goals, and a faculty-supervised research paper.

Elective credit hours can be chosen from any of the more than 130 upper-level courses offered by the College of Law in both Champaign-Urbana and Chicago.

Application Requirements
Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. For fullest consideration, candidates should submit the following by April 1, 2016:

- The MSL application, at law.illinois.edu/admissions/msl.
- A current résumé/curriculum vitae.
- A statement describing his or her interest in the program and how the degree could benefit his or her career.
- Transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate schools attended.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- An official TOEFL report (if applicable).

No graduate school admissions exam (LSAT, GRE, etc.) required.

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