



# Master of Science in Legal Studies

College of Social and  
Behavioral Sciences

## Build and Strengthen Your Career Opportunities

Kaplan University's online Master of Science in Legal Studies offers you comprehensive, in-depth understanding of the legal system to help you broaden your knowledge of associated issues and procedures within your current or aspirational profession. The program is designed to provide a solid foundation of the legal framework and prepare you to analyze implications and issues that arise from working with the system, not necessarily in jobs within it. This includes fields such as government, business, education, or health care.<sup>1</sup> Our outcomes-oriented curriculum was developed by professionals experienced in law, policy, and education—and is delivered online so you can study virtually anywhere you have an Internet connection.

As one of the largest providers of online legal studies programs in the United States,<sup>2</sup> we've helped over 6,500 legal studies graduates achieve their educational goals since 2001. This means that when you earn your degree from Kaplan University, you join one of the most active and diverse alumni communities in the legal field.

Legal studies programs are part of our College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, which offers a wide breadth of graduate and undergraduate academic programs designed to develop professionals and leaders in fields that make a difference in response to human and societal causes, issues, and needs.

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## Legal Issues Have a Broad Reach

Just about every aspect of an industry has some contact with legal issues, and an understanding of legal regulation and process is no longer relegated to just the legal department. Compliance, regulatory, and fraud and risk management occupations are expected to grow through 2022 due to an increase in regulations and new business practices.<sup>3</sup> A master's degree in legal studies from Kaplan University could help qualify you for opportunities where knowledge of the law, legal terminology, and procedure would be advantageous.

### Program Key Words:

Use these phrases to conduct research on potential career paths:

- › Dispute resolution
- › Legal terminology (jurisprudence, administrative rulings, cases, statutes, legislation, memoranda)
- › Legal and compliance research
- › Public policy and implementation
- › Family mediation
- › Regulatory affairs
- › Health care compliance and regulations (federalism, Medicare, Medicaid, Stark, HIPPA)
- › State and local government (legislative processes, gubernatorial)
- › Legal system and the media (intellectual property laws, licensing, syndication, content generation)
- › Education and the legal system (accreditation)



## Graduates of the Master's Degree Program May Find Opportunities for Advancement in Any of the Following Environments:

- › Nonprofit organizations and associations
- › Membership groups
- › Educational institutions/agencies
- › Multinational corporations
- › Government and regulatory agencies (federal, state, and local)
- › Legal aid societies
- › Public interest organizations
- › Consulting firms
- › Advocacy organizations
- › Health care organizations (e.g., hospitals)
- › Insurance companies
- › Real estate companies
- › Banking or financial institutions
- › Pharmaceutical companies
- › Copyright, licensing, and media departments
- › Hospital administration
- › State and local government offices

## Experience the Power of an Advanced Legal Education

The Master of Science in Legal Studies program explores the foundations of the legal system, process and procedure, dispute resolution, legal research and writing, legal reasoning and analysis, ethical decision making, jurisprudence, legal history, and substantive areas of law. The curriculum is monitored and evaluated by industry professionals on a regular basis to ensure courses include current knowledge, research, and case studies in the field.

Designed with practicality in mind, this program will challenge you to solve real-world issues by applying legal principles in a case study format to build strong, complex problem-solving skills. You also have the power to design your own curriculum by choosing electives to help enhance your expertise in your chosen career field.

The program is cohort-based through the first year, allowing you the opportunity to establish strong academic relationships with your classmates and faculty nationwide. In addition, our small class sizes with instructors who offer professional industry experience—and many of whom have a JD degree with a master’s degree or a PhD—means you get personalized support in an interactive learning environment. Upon completion of the program, you could have the knowledge and skills to help lead efforts that drive solutions to legal issues and support regulatory and legal compliance among institutions or individuals.

### This program is designed to teach you:

- › Legal Principles: Apply legal principles and concepts to the analysis of complex social, political, and economic issues.
- › Ethics: Reflect on the ethical and moral implications of the law and legal processes.
- › Leadership: Apply principles of leadership to shape change and improve the application and direction of the law and the legal system in relation to institutions or society.
- › Reflective Practice: Utilize the skills of a reflective practitioner to analyze and solve problems within a professional context.

### Program Detail

#### Master of Science in Legal Studies

› Credit Hours: 55

Students with broad interests can choose to take courses from multiple study areas.

Note: Students with a bachelor’s degree interested in a career change to become a paralegal should ask about our Pathway to Paralegal Postbaccalaureate Certificate.



Kaplan University professors offer you their real-world experience and expertise in law, legal services, and policy—delivered via engaging, live seminars.

### Here Is What One Faculty Member Had to Say

#### John P. Gray, LLM (Taxation), JD, MBA, MA in Religion

- › Kaplan University Professor, Master of Science in Legal Studies
- › Attorney at Law (licensed in Alabama and Washington, D.C., and to practice before the U.S. Tax Court)

“The Kaplan University Master of Science in Legal Studies program is designed to help you to refine your writing skills, increase your employment potential, be intellectually challenged, and understand how to make use of social policy to bring about positive change in your world. Because the Master of Science in Legal Studies program is online, you will learn from faculty and students who are in many different locations and who have wide-ranging academic and career backgrounds to share.”

Views and opinions stated herein are the individual’s and not necessarily those of Kaplan University. This testimonial was solicited by Kaplan University.

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## A Commitment of Support for Military Students

We provide specialized support and benefits, including:

- › Military-friendly leave of absence and drop policies
- › Participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program
- › Reduced tuition rates for graduate programs and a 10 percent tuition reduction for spouses of servicemembers, including members of the Guard or Reserve (see our website for complete program costs)
- › Specially trained advisors who understand military culture, procedures, and educational benefits

## Why Kaplan University?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- › Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
- › Personal advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.

## Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- › Juris Doctor Program—Concord Law School
- › Executive Juris Doctor<sup>SM</sup> Program—Concord Law School
- › Master of Public Administration

### Note From the Dean

“The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences degree programs are created to meet the unique needs of students. Whether students are interested in the flexibility of creating their own degree plan, applying previously earned college credit to earn their degree faster, or starting a degree from the beginning, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences focuses on the needs of adult students in pursuing their educational, career, and personal goals.”

*Sara Sander*

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Dean and Vice President,  
College of Social and  
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For comprehensive consumer information, visit [www.kaplanuniversity.edu/student-consumer-information.aspx](http://www.kaplanuniversity.edu/student-consumer-information.aspx).

<sup>1</sup> Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue the stated positions, which have varying responsibilities. However, Kaplan University cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization. Graduates are not authorized to practice law and will not be eligible to sit for any state's bar examination.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), 2010-2011 Bachelor's and Master's Degrees Conferred, Law and Legal Studies, on the Internet at [nces.ed.gov/ipeds](http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds). Based on total number of degrees granted by Kaplan University compared to other Title IV degree-granting institutions.

<sup>3</sup> Source: O\*Net OnLine. Bright Outlook Occupations: Compliance Managers ([www.onetonline.org/help/bright/11-9199.02](http://www.onetonline.org/help/bright/11-9199.02)), Regulatory Affairs Specialists ([www.onetonline.org/help/bright/13-1041.07](http://www.onetonline.org/help/bright/13-1041.07)), fraud Examiners, Investigators, and Analysts ([www.onetonline.org/help/bright/13-2099.04](http://www.onetonline.org/help/bright/13-2099.04)), and Risk Management Specialists ([www.onetonline.org/help/bright/13-2099.02](http://www.onetonline.org/help/bright/13-2099.02)). National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

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