



**Master of Science in**

# **LEGAL STUDIES**

**Come Back Stronger — Take Your Legal Career Further**

This is your time. Your moment. Earn your master's degree and build the legal expertise to advance in a wide range of fields. From business to government to health care, nearly every industry has a need for professionals with an advanced legal education. Our master's degree offers you a comprehensive, in-depth understanding of the legal system so you'll be ready to meet that demand. You'll have the opportunity to build a solid foundation in legal doctrine and concepts while you refine your ability to identify and analyze law-related issues.



# Why Study Law at Purdue Global?

## **Built for Working Adults**

Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule.

## **Backed by the Power of Purdue**

Earn a degree you can be proud of — and one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the legal field with a name that opens doors in your career.

## **Expert Faculty**

Learn from experienced professionals with a variety of backgrounds in law, policy, education, and more. They know what it takes to advance in the field. All professors possess a JD, PhD, or an advanced credential.

## **Small Class Sizes**

Enjoy a personalized experience in our interactive learning environment. The program is cohort-based through the first year, providing a strong sense of community with your classmates and faculty nationwide.

## **Personal Support**

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

## **Nationally Ranked and Respected**

Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue is ranked #16 most innovative company in the world alongside Open AI, NASA, and Microsoft.<sup>1</sup>

# Program Outcomes Support Your Career Growth

## **GAIN THE PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THAT EMPLOYERS DEMAND**

Solve real-world issues by applying legal principles in a case study format to build strong, complex problem-solving skills. The program emphasizes:

- **Legal Principles:** Learn to 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:** Learn how to shape change and improve the application and direction of the law and the legal system in relation to institutions and society.
- **Reflective Practice:** Utilize the skills of a reflective practitioner to analyze and solve problems within a professional context.

## **PREPARE FOR SENIOR POSITIONS IN A DIVERSE RANGE OF FIELDS<sup>2</sup>**

Earning your Master of Science in Legal Studies could help you pursue senior management, administration, and leadership roles in any sector in which knowledge of the legal system, terminology, and procedures could be advantageous.

# Curriculum

All courses are reviewed and revised continually by legal experts to ensure they reflect the most recent developments and legislation. You can customize your degree plan by choosing electives to build focused expertise in your chosen career field.

## Course Topics Include:

- Foundations of the legal system
- Process and procedure
- Dispute resolution
- Legal research and writing
- Legal reasoning and analysis
- Ethical decision-making
- Jurisprudence
- Legal history
- Substantive areas of law
- Use of the law library

## Program Detail

**Credit Hours:** 45

**Program Length:** 1 year of full-time study

**Course Load:** 2 courses per term

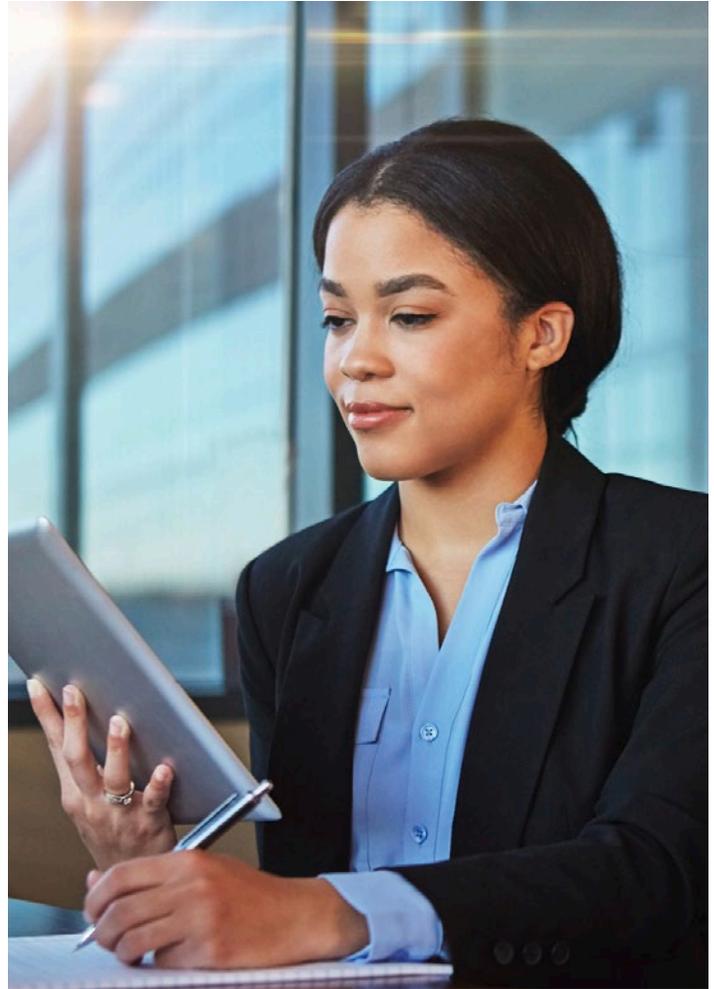
**Terms:** 10 weeks long

**Start Dates:** Throughout the year

**Delivery:** 100% online

## Additional Programs

- Juris Doctor Program — Purdue Global Law School
- Executive Juris Doctor Program — Purdue Global Law School
- Master of Public Administration



The 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."

**John P. Gray**  
Purdue Global Professor,  
Master of Science in Legal Studies' LLM (Taxation), JD, MBA, MA in Religion  
Attorney at Law (licensed in Alabama and Washington, D.C.,  
and to practice before the U.S. Tax Court)

# Career and Networking Opportunities

## Industry Outlook

- Overall, demand for legal services is growing and shifting. In addition, the need for legal professionals with regulatory and global compliance expertise is increasing.<sup>3</sup>

## Career Pathways and Outcomes<sup>2,4</sup>

### Roles

- Compliance director
- Federal regulatory agent
- Legal and compliance research analyst
- Public policy director
- Private investigator
- Court administrator
- Regulatory affairs manager
- Health care compliance and regulations administrator

### Settings/Industries

- Nonprofit
- Corporate
- Government and regulatory
- Legal aid
- Public interest, advocacy, and policy
- Consulting
- Health care
- Insurance
- Real estate
- Banking or finance
- Copyright, licensing, and media

## The Center for Career Advancement

Our Career Specialists connect legal studies students with job and networking opportunities and offer the following assistance:

- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

## Networking

With more than 6,500 legal studies graduates, you'll join a wide network of students, alumni, faculty, and employers.

**Purdue Global Law Society** seeks to promote the engagement of students in understanding and participating in key legal issues involving justice, public policy, and environmental law and policy.

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## Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

The HLC (HLCCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

## Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

**Contact an Admissions Advisor at [844-PURDUE-G](tel:844-PURDUE-G) or visit [PurdueGlobal.edu](https://PurdueGlobal.edu).**

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For comprehensive consumer information, visit [Info.PurdueGlobal.edu](https://Info.PurdueGlobal.edu).

1 Source: [www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/2023](https://www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/2023). Ranking applies to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

2 Purdue Global does not guarantee employment placement or career advancement. Actual outcomes vary by geographic area, previous work experience and opportunities for employment.

3 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Data for Occupations Not Covered in Detail, Compliance Officers. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

4 Graduates are not authorized to practice law and will not be eligible to sit for any state's bar examination. This program was not designed to meet any specific state's requirements for licensure or certification. Refer to [licensure.purdueglobal.edu](https://licensure.purdueglobal.edu) for state-specific licensure information.