



Master of Science in Law: Where Global Business, Law & STEM Converge

Northwestern University's Master of Science in Law (MSL) integrates the study of law, regulation, business, and policy 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 global business environment.

MSL graduates go on to become leaders in their fields. They are prepared for a variety of intersectional roles in business and policy settings and are greatly sought after for their holistic approach to solving problems, 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 business and entrepreneurship, intellectual property, regulatory analysis, and skills development. Areas covered include healthcare, privacy, finance, data security, technology & AI, compliance, contracts, environmental law, biotechnology, and pharma.

Community

MSL students benefit greatly from studying law at one of the world's leading law schools, where they have access to 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 law school activities.

Career Development

The MSL program provides comprehensive professional development support, including one-on-one career advising and numerous programs and activities designed to help MSL graduates chart a productive path. International graduates have the option to pursue OPT training in the US for at least 12 months; those who have an undergraduate STEM degree from a US university may be eligible for the 24-month OPT extension.

Application Process

Applicants to the MSL submit an online application, which includes a statement of interest, a resume, a video interview, a letter of recommendation, and transcripts from all post-secondary institutions (can be unofficial at the application stage). International students submit a TOEFL or IELTS score, or they can request a waiver from the Admissions Committee. Applicants whose first language is not English participate in a live interview.

MSL BY THE NUMBERS

MSL GRADUATES

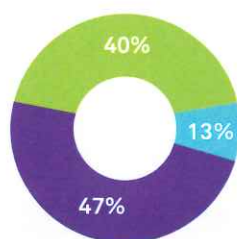


total number of
MSL graduates



number of international
MSL graduates

WHERE ARE THE INTERNATIONAL GRADUATES NOW?



● in Asia
● in U.S.
● in other countries

INDUSTRIES OF INTERNATIONAL MSL GRADUATES:

Academic, educational or research organization	Engineering, industrial manufacturing
Automotive	Energy, natural resources, utilities, oil & gas, waste management
Biomedical biotechnology, pharmaceutical and medical devices	Financial, insurance, and venture capital
Chemical or related manufacturing	Government
Consulting	IT hardware/software
Consumer goods	Law (law firm, legal services)

SELECT EMPLOYERS



STUDYING IN CHICAGO

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law is in the heart of downtown Chicago on the shores of Lake Michigan. The third most populous city in the US, Chicago is home to world-renowned museums, theater, music, architecture, sports, and restaurants, alongside miles of lakefront parks and beaches. Chicago is also an established center of commerce and government, with a thriving entrepreneurship ecosystem, making it an ideal setting for MSL residential study.



“Rapid developments in technology are driving the global economy and impacting our societies. The MSL program sits at the confluence of these major trends. The MSL empowers students with the crucial legal knowledge to augment our existing skills and to help us achieve our professional goals.”

—David Day, MSL Student
Group Head of Sales, APAC



“The MSL allowed me to become an interdisciplinary professional. I view problems from different perspectives, which really makes me stand out. I can integrate engineering principles and legal analysis at the same time. Not many engineers have this skill set.”

—Shunran Shi, MSL Graduate
Project Design Engineer



“As a proud member of Northwestern’s inaugural MSL class, I built fluency in the language of law, sharpened my ability to navigate regulatory landscapes, and learned to interpret contracts with strategic clarity. These skills have shaped my career in the field of data and analytics.”

—Wayne Wang, MSL Graduate
Global Data Acquisition Manager

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