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- 30-credit-hour program provides a comprehensive overview of American law in areas including labor and employment, public policy, intellectual property, environmental policy and healthcare
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While earning the M.S.L. degree does not make you eligible to take the bar exam or practice law, it does provide an advantage that can be leveraged for success across a broad range of industries.

Annual Tuition and Costs

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Tuition & Fees: $18,408

PART-TIME*– 30 credit hours, up to three years.
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Fees: $695/semester

Out-of-state

FULL-TIME*– 30 credit hours in one academic year.
Tuition & Fees: $39,514

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