



Twin Cities Campus

Master of Science Patent Law

Law School

Law School

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

Contact Information:

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Master of Science in Patent Law Program

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2019
- Length of program in credits: 30
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Science Patent Law

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The master of science in patent law is a professional master's degree for scientists and engineers interested in pursuing a career in the growing field of patent law. The program requirements may be completed in one year of full-time study or in two years (with an optional third year) on a part-time basis. This program is offered through the University of Minnesota Law School. Students in this program will learn practical patent drafting, patent research, portfolio management, and innovation skills. Many courses in this program will be taken jointly with JD students.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

Applicants with a degree in Science or Engineering are preferred.

Other requirements to be completed before admission:

GRE and LSAT scores are accepted but not required.

Special Application Requirements:

Personal statement, resume, letters of recommendation, interview, patent bar eligibility assessment.

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
- IELTS

Key to [test abbreviations](#)(TOEFL, IELTS).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Plan C: Plan C requires 30 major credits and 0 credits outside the major. There is no final exam. A capstone project is required.

Capstone Project: Patent Law CAPSTONE: Innovation (3 credits): Students select a technology of interest with the cooperation of their adviser. Using their knowledge of innovation, patent law, patent prosecution, patent research and strategy they will identify, articulate and present opportunities for innovation in their chosen technology.

This program may not be completed with a minor.



Use of 4xxx courses towards program requirements is not permitted.

A minimum GPA of 2.8 is required for students to remain in good standing.

At least 1 semesters must be completed before filing a Degree Program Form.

Patent Law: Core Curriculum

Take 20 credits of core coursework and the 3-credit capstone course for a total of 23 credits.

- [LAW 5001](#) - Introduction to the American Legal System (2.0 cr)
- [LAW 5002](#) - MSPL Legal Research and Writing (1.0 cr)
- [LAW 5025](#) - Patent Law In Practice (1.0 cr)
- [LAW 5026](#) - Intellectual Property In Practice (1.0 cr)
- [LAW 5075](#) - Ethics for Patent Agents (1.0 cr)
- [LAW 5224](#) - Patents (3.0 cr)
- [LAW 5231](#) - Patent Prosecution Practice I (2.0 cr)
- [LAW 5232](#) - Patent Prosecution Practice II (3.0 cr)
- [LAW 5243](#) - Patent Research and Writing (2.0 cr)
- [LAW 5250](#) - Patent Portfolio Management (2.0 cr)
- [LAW 5707](#) - Intellectual Property Transactions (2.0 cr)

Capstone Course

Students are required to take the 3 credit capstone course.

- [LAW 5290](#) - Patent Law Capstone: Innovation (3.0 cr)

Electives

Take at least 7 elective credits in consultation with the program director. Coursework can be from the following list or selected with approval from the program director.

Take 7 or more credit(s) from the following:

- [LAW 5062](#) - Energy Law (3.0 cr)
- [LAW 5076](#) - Essentials of Business for Lawyers (3.0 cr)
- [LAW 5103](#) - Data Privacy Law (3.0 cr)
- [LAW 5608](#) - Trademarks (3.0 cr)
- [LAW 5613](#) - Copyright (3.0 cr)
- [LAW 5908](#) - Independent Research and Writing (1.0 - 2.0 cr)
- [LAW 5909](#) - Independent Field Placement (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
- [LAW 6037](#) ~~(Inactive)~~ (3.0 cr)
- [LAW 6133](#) - Data Compliance Practicum (1.0 cr)
- [LAW 6225](#) - Winning Patent Litigation (2.0 cr)
- [LAW 6241](#) - Patent Remedies (1.0 cr)
- [LAW 6402](#) - Food and Drug Law (3.0 cr)
- [LAW 6605](#) - Health Law (3.0 cr)
- [LAW 6609](#) - International Intellectual Property (3.0 cr)
- [LAW 6610](#) - Unfair Competition (2.0 cr)
- [LAW 6622](#) - International Business Operation and Negotiation (3.0 cr)
- [LAW 6705](#) ~~(Inactive)~~ (2.0 cr)
- [LAW 6709](#) - Agriculture and the Environment (2.0 cr)
- [LAW 6714](#) - E-Discovery (2.0 cr)
- [LAW 6832](#) - Cybercrime and Cybersecurity (2.0 cr)
- [LAW 6853](#) - Law, Biomedicine and Bioethics (3.0 cr)
- [LAW 6876](#) - Digital Evidence (2.0 cr)
- [LAW 6949](#) - Biotechnology & Patent Law (2.0 cr)