Pepperdine Law Online Master’s Programs

Pepperdine Law is known for providing a superior legal education to working professionals who value diversity, integrity, and service. Our online master’s programs will equip you with the critical legal expertise, negotiation strategies, and conflict resolution skills to help you set yourself apart and move your career and organization forward.
Which Degree Is Right for You?

We offer two online master’s programs: a Master of Dispute Resolution and a Master of Legal Studies with an optional concentration in dispute resolution. Both programs can help you resolve issues and advance in your organization, but they offer different skill sets and career outcomes. Each requires 32 units, and you can customize your learning with a variety of electives.

Scroll down to learn more about each of these programs.
Master of Legal Studies (MLS)

Time to complete
As few as 16 months for full-time students; approximately 28 months for part-time students

Who it’s for
Nonlawyers who need a solid foundation in US law to make more informed decisions on the job

Skills you gain
Legal research and writing expertise and enhanced understanding of legal concepts such as contracts, compliance, and constitutional law

Professionals who benefit
• Paralegals who research and draft legal documents
• Legal consultants who advise on contracts and compliance
• HR officers who navigate complex contracts and employment laws
• Politicians and lobbyists who help shape public policy

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Master of Dispute Resolution (MDR)

Time to complete
As few as 16 months for full-time students; approximately 28 months for part-time students

Who it’s for
Mid-career professionals looking to become a more effective leader and resolve difficult situations on the job

Skills you gain
The ability to negotiate complex transactions and manage conflict in the workplace before they impede organizational goals

Professionals who benefit
• Business managers and HR directors who need conflict resolution skills
• Counselors and social workers who need mediation skills
• Lobbyists and union administrators who need negotiation skills
• Subject matter experts who serve as witnesses or help navigate arbitration

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About Pepperdine Law

With Pepperdine Law’s online programs, you can advance in your field by attaining the skills, expertise, and confidence to more effectively lead and grow your organization. Located in Malibu, California, Pepperdine Law empowers students with the legal expertise and ethical judgment to meet the complex challenges they may encounter in their professional roles.

Scroll down to learn more about Pepperdine Law.
As an American Bar Association (ABA)-accredited law school, we emphasize professional, ethical, and moral responsibility, embracing the philosophy that professionals can best understand and apply legal principles when they uphold the highest standards of personal conduct. Our online Master of Legal Studies and Master of Dispute Resolution programs have both been granted ABA acquiescence.

If you are interested in attending classes in person, Pepperdine Law also offers on-campus degree programs.

**Straus Institute: The Best in Dispute Resolution**

All dispute resolution courses are offered through Pepperdine Law’s Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, which is ranked number one for dispute resolution in the *U.S. News & World Report* 2019 law school rankings.
Learn from Our Top-Ranked Faculty

Pepperdine Law faculty was ranked number seven for best law school professors by The Princeton Review in 2018.

The same faculty who teach on campus design and lead the courses for the online programs, and our professors are deeply committed to enhancing your understanding of how to apply legal principles and conflict resolution techniques at work.

Our faculty members have one common goal: to position you for professional success. They prioritize individual mentoring and counseling to make sure all students, on campus and online, feel supported and have the resources they need to succeed.
“Our students have diverse backgrounds and perspectives that enrich the classroom experience and foster meaningful inquiry and discussion. As professionals who must understand and navigate legal systems to do their jobs effectively, our students bring a practical, realistic approach to the study of law. We are teaching the students invaluable skills that will enhance their knowledge and efficacy. I hope my students are learning as much from me as I am learning from them.”

Amy B. Levin
Associate Professor of Legal Research and Writing for Pepperdine Law; Co-Director of Byrne Judicial Clerkship Institute
Experiential Learning Online and In Person

Pepperdine Law was ranked number eight in the country by *National Jurist* for practical training in 2018.

Our online programs make you an active participant in your learning so that you can translate your skills to the real world.

Scroll to learn more about the Pepperdine Law online experience.
The Immersive Virtual Classroom

Our online learning format is designed to mimic the in-person classroom experience with face-to-face online classes—held through our HD video conferencing—and interactive course work. To hone your skills and gain practical experience, you will participate in:

- Simulations
- Case studies
- Mock exercises
- Virtual negotiations
In-Person Experiences

A critical and highly valuable requirement of the program is the in-person residency courses. You will attend two weekend residencies on Pepperdine’s campus in Malibu, where you will put your skills into practice, interact with field experts, participate in group projects, and network with classmates, faculty, and program leadership. Each residency is considered a 1-unit course and will be offered at various times throughout the year.
Contact an Admissions Counselor

Our admissions counselors are here to support you with whatever you may need as you are researching programs and working on your application. They are also happy to discuss the program and answer your questions.

Ready to Start Your Application?

Pepperdine Law seeks motivated, ethically responsible candidates to apply to our online master’s degree programs. We accept applications on a rolling basis. A bachelor’s degree is required for admission, but no GRE, GMAT, or LSAT scores are needed to apply.

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