

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- 📁 SIU Graduate School application
- 📁 M.L.S. program application
- 📁 \$50.00 fee
- 📁 Memorandum to the Graduate Admissions Committee
- 📁 Official transcripts
- 📁 Two recommendations
- 📁 Resume
- 📁 LSAT, GRE or GMAT score
- 📁 TOEFL or IELTS score (non-native English speakers only)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 📁 Part-time or full-time enrollment
- 📁 Fall admission
- 📁 Thesis requirement may be fulfilled by Law 590 (Senior Writing Seminar)
- 📁 Up to six hours of SIU Carbondale Graduate School or School of Medicine courses may be transferred with official approval
- 📁 May 1 preferred deadline

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Southern Illinois University School of Law
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Both M.L.S. programs have been approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education and have received the acquiescence of the American Bar Association.



“The M.L.S. program gives students the opportunity to explore the law and apply what they learn to their current professional positions. Students gain legal expertise in a challenging educational setting without being tied to the rigors and strict schedules of law school. We tailor the program to individual needs, which is conducive to the busy lives of midcareer professionals.”

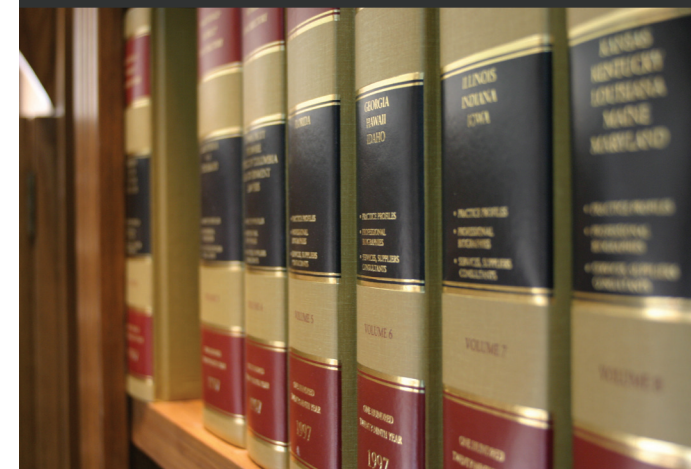
Professor Tom Britton, Director of Graduate Legal Studies and Associate Professor of Law

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SIU

MASTER OF LEGAL STUDIES

General or Health Law and Policy



SIU SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW

MASTER OF LEGAL STUDIES

The SIU School of Law's Master of Legal Studies (M.L.S.) degree is offered in two forms: a general M.L.S. providing customizable specialization and a highly specialized M.L.S. in Health Law and Policy. Both programs are directed at serving those who are professionals in fields where there is significant legal involvement or regulation and who need an introduction to basic legal principles in order to enhance their career or change career direction.

This program is particularly relevant to those who deal with a complex array of state and federal legal requirements in performing their daily tasks. Educational administrators, law enforcement administrators, human resource managers, government regulators, hospital administrators, risk management specialists, among many other professions, would benefit greatly from the program.



"I'm confronted frequently with legal issues as I negotiate contracts and deal with insurance companies. The M.L.S. program provides a perfect opportunity to pursue my interests. Often what we do in class fits in exactly with what I'm doing at work. It startles me. I sometimes wonder if they created the program just for me."

Cynthia Sears, Corporate Director,
Southern Illinois Healthcare

THE MASTER OF LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Customizable · Flexible · Individualized

The M.L.S. program requires the completion of 30 semester hours of credit in law courses approved by the Director of Graduate Legal Studies. The curriculum is designed to introduce students to legal study through two courses: Law 498 (Introduction to American Law and Legal System) and Law 499 (Legal Writing and Research for Non-Lawyers).

Tailored Specialization – 30 credit hours

Designed for professionals in fields where there is significant legal regulation who need an introduction into basic legal principles, but do not aspire to become lawyers themselves.

Possible General Law Courses:

- 👉 Administrative Law
- 👉 Constitutional Law
- 👉 Contracts
- 👉 Copyright Law
- 👉 Criminal Law
- 👉 Criminal Procedure
- 👉 Employment Law
- 👉 Environmental Law
- 👉 Evidence
- 👉 Family Law
- 👉 Immigration Law
- 👉 Labor Law
- 👉 Legislative and Administrative Process
- 👉 Negotiation
- 👉 Property
- 👉 Trusts & Estates

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The SIU Graduate School has requirements based on, among other things, undergraduate and graduate grade history. The School of Law admissions guidelines are based on test scores, work experience, and extracurricular involvement. All applicants must possess a bachelor's degree and demonstrate academic ability, ordinarily by completion of the LSAT, GRE or GMAT test. Successful applicants will have a proven record of academic achievement, substantiated by documentation of educational and professional accomplishment. Relevant professional experience after receipt of the bachelor's degree which prepares the applicant for the study of law will be considered.

Health Law and Policy – 30 credit hours (12 hours must be in health-care related courses)

Designed for those who are working (or desire to work) in health care fields who need an introduction to the basic legal principles that are important to the health care field, but do not wish to become lawyers themselves.

Possible Health Law & Policy Courses:

- 👉 Alternative Dispute Resolution
- 👉 Bioethics and the Law
- 👉 Disability Law
- 👉 Elder Law
- 👉 Food, Drug and Medical Device Law
- 👉 Health Care Legislation
- 👉 Health Policy Law
- 👉 Insurance
- 👉 Medical Malpractice Law
- 👉 Mental Health Law
- 👉 Pre-Trial Advocacy
- 👉 Public Health Law
- 👉 Regulation of Health Care Providers
- 👉 Workers' Compensation

PROFESSIONAL BENEFITS

Program graduates will be able to perform basic legal research and write clear, analytical, and publishable papers. Graduates will understand the process of judicial and legislative decision making, the effects of the decisions, how to evaluate current legal authority, and apply it to factual situations.



"I enrolled in the program to help me better read and understand the law to inform my research on sex discrimination in the workplace."

Peggy Stockdale, Director of
Applied Psychology Program,
SIUC

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

Assistant Director, Student Health Center

Assistant to the Chancellor, Southern Illinois
University Carbondale

Chief Financial Officer, Delta Center Inc.

Corporate Director of Managed Care, Southern
Illinois Healthcare

Director of University Risk Management,
Southern Illinois University

Mayor, City of Carbondale

Mediator, Saint Paul, MN

Medical student, University of Toledo School of
Medicine

Professor, Department of Psychology

Senior Lecturer, Department of Radio-Television