**Twin Cities Campus**

**Law Minor**

**Law School**

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

**Contact Information:**
Law School, Walter F. Mondale Hall, 229 19th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55406 (612-625-1000; fax: 612-625-2011)
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Website: [http://www.law.umn.edu](http://www.law.umn.edu)

- Program Type: Graduate free-standing minor
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2014
- Length of program in credits (Masters): 6
- Length of program in credits (Doctorate): 12
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.

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.

A law minor is available to both master's (M.A. and M.S.) and doctoral students and is individually tailored to their academic interests.

**Accreditation**
This program is accredited by American Bar Association (ABA)

**Program Delivery**
This program is available:
- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

**Prerequisites for Admission**
Other requirements to be completed before admission:
Admission to the law graduate minor is contingent upon prior admission to a University of Minnesota master's or doctoral degree-granting program. Enrollment in Law School courses is on a space-available basis, with preference given to law-degree-seeking candidates. To request admission to Law School courses, complete a declaration form and the non-Law student petition form (found at [http://www.law.umn.edu/legaledprograms/non-id-students.html](http://www.law.umn.edu/legaledprograms/non-id-students.html)) and forward them to the Law School Registrar's office.

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

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

A master's minor requires at least 6 graduate credits; a doctoral minor requires at least 12 graduate credits.
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Master of Science Patent Law
Law School

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

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• Program Type: Master's
• Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2014
• Length of program in credits: 30 to 36
• 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 one year, full time, professional master's degree for scientists and engineers interested in pursuing a career in the growing field of patent law. This program is offered through the University of Minnesota Law School. Students in this program will learn practical patent drafting, patent research, patent portfolio management and innovation skills. Many courses in this program will be taken jointly with J.D. students.

Program Delivery
This program is available:
• via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission
Science and Engineering preferred.

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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 to 36 major credits and 0 credits outside the major. The is no final exam. A capstone project is required.
Capstone Project: CAPSTONE: Innovation (3 credits): In this course students will 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 semester must be completed before filing a Degree Program Form.

**Patent Law: Core Curriculum**

Students are required to take 24 credits of core coursework, plus 6 additional credits as approved by the program director.

- **LAW 5000** - Introduction to the American Legal System (2.0 cr)
- **LAW 5224** - Patents (3.0 cr)
- **LAW 5231** - Patent Prosecution Practice I (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- **LAW 5250** - Patent Portfolio Management (3.0 cr)
- **LAW 5003** - Writing, Analysis & Persuasion (2.0 cr)
- **LAW 5025** - Patent Law Proseminar I (1.0 cr)
- **LAW 5232** - Patent Prosecution Practice II (3.0 cr)
- **LAW 5255** - Patent Transactions (2.0 cr)
- **LAW 5290** - Patent Law Capstone: Innovation (3.0 cr)
- **LAW 5075** - Ethics for Patent Agents (1.0 cr)
- **LAW 5026** - Patent Law Proseminar II (1.0 cr)