Twin Cities Campus
Juridical Science S.J.D.
Law School

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

- Program Type: Doctorate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2018
- Length of program in credits: 48
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Doctor of Juridical Science

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 SJD program at the University of Minnesota Law School is intended for those who wish to carry on advanced legal study and original research under faculty supervision. SJD students must present research which makes a significant, original contribution of long-term value to legal scholarship. The dissertation must be of publishable quality and provide lawyers, scholars, or governmental officials with a useful understanding, not previously available, of a particular area of the law.

Accreditation
This program is accredited by acquiescence of the American Bar Association.

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

Prerequisites for Admission
Applicants must have completed the first degree in law AND must have completed (or are in the process of completing) a US LLM degree at the University of Minnesota or another institution.

Special Application Requirements:
1) Submission of a preliminary dissertation proposal demonstrating that the dissertation will constitute an original and substantial contribution, of publishable quality, to legal scholarship, in a research field in which the Law School has experienced faculty available for advising, and 2) Submission of an extensive, high quality writing sample written in English to demonstrate the ability to engage in advanced research and writing.

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

Program Requirements
24 credits are required in the major.
24 thesis credits are required.

This program may not be completed with a minor.

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

A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for students to remain in good standing.

At least 2 semesters must be completed before filing a Degree Program Form.

Coursework Requirements
Legal Research
Take one of the following courses, or another research course approved by your faculty adviser or the director of graduate studies.
LAW 6851 - Practice-Ready Legal Research (2.0 cr)
or LAW 6867 - Practice Ready International Legal Research (2.0 cr)
Elective Courses
The remaining 22 credits are determined through consultation with your faculty advisor or the director of graduate studies.

Thesis Credit Requirement
24 Thesis Credits
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)
Email: lawreg@umn.edu
Website: http://www.law.umn.edu

- Program Type: Graduate free-standing minor
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2018
- 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 and doctoral students and is individually tailored to their academic interests.

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. Some Law School courses are open for graduate student registration without need for permission. Other courses require that students request admission by completing a declaration form and the non-law student petition form (found at https://www.law.umn.edu/academics/non-degree-programs/graduate-and-undergraduate-courses), and submitting 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 masters minor requires at least 6 graduate credits; a doctoral minor requires at least 12 graduate credits.

Program Sub-plans
Students are required to complete one of the following sub-plans.
Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

Masters
Required Courses
Select at least 6 credits from the following, in consultation with the law minor’s director of graduate studies.
- LAW 5xx
- LAW 6xx

Doctoral
Required Courses
Select at least 12 credits from the following, in consultation with the law minor’s director of graduate studies.
Twin Cities Campus
Master of Science Patent Law
Law School
Law School

Contact Information:
University of Minnesota Law School
Master of Science in Patent Law Program
411 Walter F. Mondale Hall
229 19th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55455
Email: patlaw@umn.edu
Website: https://www.law.umn.edu/academics/degree-programs/mspl-program

- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2018
- 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. The 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 Proseminar (1.0 cr)
- LAW 5026 - Intellectual Property and Technology Proseminar (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 - Emerging Sciences and Technologies: Law, Ethics and Policy (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 - Information Governance (2.0 cr)
- LAW 6709 - Current Agriculture-Environment Issues (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)