



# Master of Laws

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Course Catalog and Graduation  
Requirements

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For **international students**, the program emphasizes exposure to U.S. law, a comparison of U.S. and other legal systems, and advanced legal theory and policy. Subject to criteria established by the State Bar of California, the LL.M. may qualify a foreign-educated graduate to sit for the California Bar Exam.

For **U.S. students**, the program provides an opportunity to utilize the resources of MCL to pursue advanced study in areas of specific interest. Within this framework, LL.M. students have considerable latitude in planning their course of study.

## Master of Laws

Advanced law degrees serve as recognition of formal legal education beyond the J.D. degree. The LL.M. program offers students a broad platform to design their own course of study within parameters set by the MCL law faculty. Upon completion of the program, graduates will demonstrate mastery of three learning outcomes.



2 Year Graduate Program



On-Site and Online Cohorts

## Vision & Mission

Monterey College of Law's mission is to provide a quality legal education in a community law school setting with graduates who are dedicated to professional excellence, integrity, and community service.



Applicants to the LL.M. Program must have received their first degree in law at either an American Bar Association (ABA) approved law school, a state-accredited law school, or at a law school approved by the appropriate authority in a country other than the United States.

In addition, MCL will consider any applicant, domestic or international, who is licensed to practice law and is currently in good standing in the jurisdiction in which they are licensed.

## Graduation Requirements

The LL.M. degree requires the successful completion of 24 graduate law units, including a capstone thesis. In addition to the capstone thesis, LL.M. students may take doctrinal, skills, or elective courses.

Transfer credits will be allowed for certain graduate and law courses that meet MCL’s academic standards. If approved, transfer credits may be applied towards up to one-half of the 24-unit graduation requirement.

Policies and requirements may be found on the school's website and in the Student Handbook.

### Doctrinal & Skills Courses

Business Law	Evidence
Civil Procedure	Legal Writing
Community Property	Mediation
Constitutional Law	Real Property
Contracts	Remedies
Criminal Law	Torts
Criminal Procedure	Wills and Trusts

### Elective Courses

Electives change annually. Electives frequently offered include:

Bankruptcy Law	Immigration Law
Employment Law	Intellectual Property
Environmental Law	International Commercial Transactions
Family Law	Introduction to Legal Issues for Tech Companies
Food, Ag, & Environmental Law	Introduction to Venture Capital & Private Fund Formation

## Other Requirements



12+ Units in residence



Pass at least 60% of units each term



Capstone thesis



GPA of 75+



# Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

## Learning Outcomes are Institution Wide Competencies

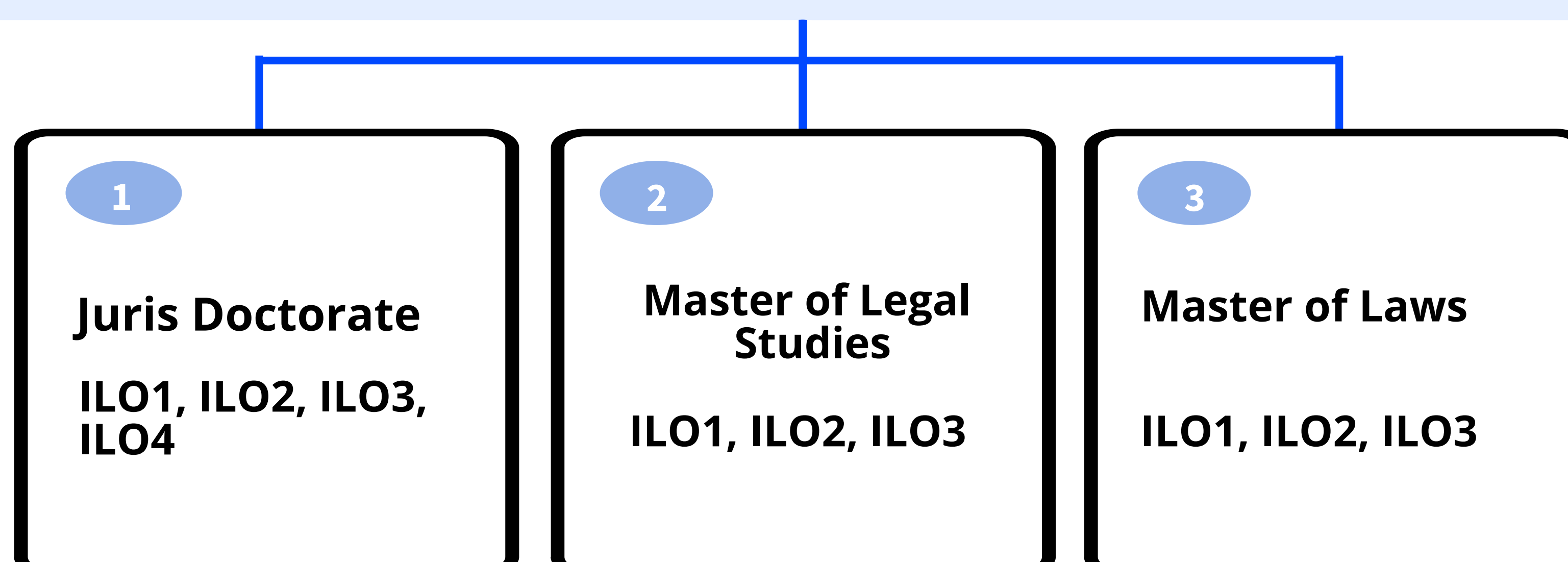
ILO1 Doctrinal Knowledge: Students will master knowledge and understanding of pertinent principles and theories of the law, their relationships, and their limitations.

ILO2 Professional Analytics (critical thinking): Students will analyze the legal rules and principles applicable to a problem and formulate legal theories. Students will apply problem solving skills to diagnose a legal problem, generate alternative solutions, and develop a plan of action.

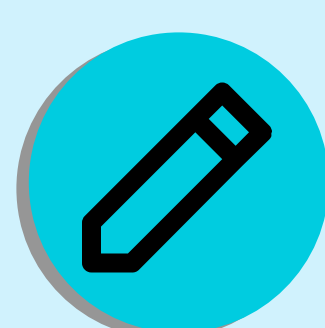
ILO3 Communication Skills (oral and written): Students will communicate effectively, whether advocating, advising a client, eliciting information, or effectuating a legal transaction.

ILO4 Professional Responsibility: Students will have knowledge and understanding of established standards related to a lawyer's professional conduct including the ability to recognize and solve ethical issues and multicultural issues arising in practical situations.

The Juris Doctorate, Master of Laws, and Master of Legal Studies degree programs incorporate the institutional learning outcomes appropriate for the program(PLOs).

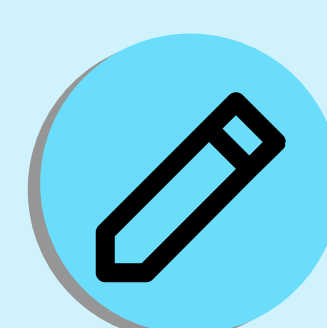


## Outcome Assessment



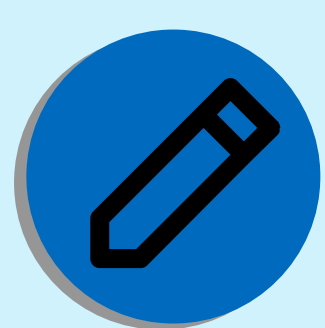
### **ILO1**

Course grades earned through formative and summative assessment.



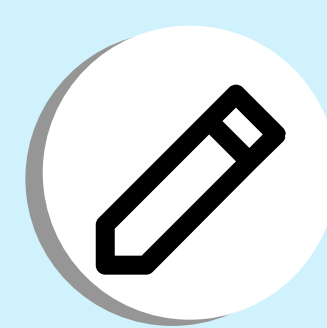
### **ILO2**

Benchmark MCQ formative assessments.



### **ILO3**

Course grades earned through formative and summative assessment.



### **ILO4**

Course grades earned through formative and summative assessment.