



Application Guidelines for Master of Studies in Law

Application Deadlines **Fall Admissions: March 1st**
Applying as early as September or October is encouraged, as the School of Law uses a rolling admissions process. Applications submitted after March 1st will be considered as space allows.

Website <http://lawschool.unm.edu/academics/degree-programs/msl/>

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APPLICATION CATEGORY	SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS
Program of Interest	Select: School of Law > MSL Studies in Law
Test Scores	Neither the LSAT nor the GRE is required, but if you have taken these exams you may choose to submit your scores and/or your GMAT, MCAT, SAT, and/or ACT scores, as applicable, to supplement your application.
Letter of Intent	Your Personal Statement or Letter of Intent allows the Admissions Committee to get to know you beyond your academic record while demonstrating your ability to communicate effectively and concisely in writing. Each statement is unique and should address at least the following points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Your reasons for needing or wanting an MSL degree, How you expect to apply legal education to your current or future job, and Why you wish to study law at the University of New Mexico. Other topics you may want to cover include family background, obstacles you have overcome, and/or educational, volunteer, and/or work experiences. Personal statements typically range between two to three double-spaced pages.
Assistantship Interest	There are no Assistantships currently available at the UNM School of Law associated with the MSL degree, but if you are interested in this type of financial aid you are encouraged to explore the possibilities in other UNM departments. For example, Project Assistants perform work required by a research grant, contract or special project that is not necessarily directly related to degree requirements.
Recommendations	At least two letters of recommendation are required; however, up to two additional letters will be accepted. Overall, a recommendation letter should be from a person in a position to make a critical and informed appraisal of your qualifications from an academic and/or professional perspective. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> An academic letter should be from a professor who has personal knowledge of your academic work, preferably in a small class or seminar. A professional letter should be from an employer or business associate who has personal knowledge of your work performance. Recommendations can also come from professionals in mentor or supervisory roles in your community and/or volunteer experience. Letters of recommendation must have been written within one year of the date of application. Recommendations that are more than one year old as of the date of application will not be accepted. Recommendations from family members or personal acquaintances are strongly discouraged.
Financial Aid	MSL students apply for financial aid through UNM Graduate Studies, not through the law school. For funding sources such as assistantships, graduate fellowships and scholarships see http://grad.unm.edu/funding/index.html . For federal financial aid (student loans) you must submit a FAFSA form through the Office of Student Financial Aid (http://finaid.unm.edu).
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An interview may be required if deemed necessary by the Admissions Committee. A law school Admissions Committee will review the applications and make admissions decisions. Beginning MSL students will be admitted to start in the fall semester only. If you have questions about the accreditation of your college or university, please contact the UNM Admissions Office at (505) 277-8900.