

Master in Sustainable Solutions (MSUS) & Master in Legal Studies (MLS)

The connection between law and sustainability is clear and strong. Environmental policy has been a growing field of study since the 1970s and we are increasingly seeing legal and policy debates and action surrounding social justice and equity issues. Law is a natural place for students of sustainability to gravitate. Simultaneously, sustainability is a topic of rapidly growing interest in the study and practice of law today, including issues related to renewable energy, water conservation, air quality, transportation, and others. An understanding of sustainability will be key for the crafting and interpretation of energy law and policy in the carbon-constrained economy of the future.

This concurrent degree arrangement is designed to encourage innovative thinking about laws, regulations, and incentives needed to build a more sustainable future, as well as a resource for corporations, governments, and non-profits seeking guidance around new policy challenges.

Concurrent Degree Requirements

The concurrent arrangement will comprise a minimum of 51 credit hours. In summary:

	Credit Hours
MSUS requires	33
MLS requires	+30
<i>MLS/MSUS concurrently in total requires</i>	63
Credit hours shared by concurrent arrangement (20%)	(12)
Total Credit Hours Required	51

Application Process

To be considered for admission, applicants will need to apply to each program separately. Applicants must meet the admissions criteria for each program.

For Fall Admission:

- **MSUS Deadline:** December 15 (but it's recommended that students submit their application by November 15 to allow enough time for references)
- **MLS Priority Deadline:** July 30 (or June 15 for international applicants who require a Visa)

Sample Concurrent Plan of Study

Semester 1	Credit Hours
SOS 510: Perspectives on Sustainability (<i>shared</i>)	3
MSUS Core Course	3
LAW 581: U.S Law and Legal Analysis	3
MLS Core Course	4
Total Semester Credit Hours	13
Semester 2	Credit Hours
SOS 511: Methodology of Sustainability Research and Problem Solving (<i>shared</i>)	3
MSUS Core Course	3
LAW 596: Professional Legal Writing	3
MLS Elective/SOS Track Elective (<i>shared</i>)	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	12
Semester 3	Credit Hours
MSUS Methods Course	3
MSUS Core Course	3
SOS 531: Achieving Career Success in Sustainability	1
MLS Elective/SOS Track Elective (<i>shared</i>)	3
MLS Elective	1
Total Semester Credit Hours	13
Semester 4	Credit Hours
MSUS Core Course	3
SOS 584 Internship, SOS 593: Applied Project, or SOS 594: Workshop	3
MLS Core Course	4
MLS Elective	3
MSUS Methods Course	2
Total Semester Credit Hours	13
Total Semester Hours Required	51