



# MASTER OF LEGAL STUDIES

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YOU TO

ANSWER

YOUR

**CALLING FOR**

**SOMETHING**

**GREATER.**

**We are a Christian law school  
dedicated to academic  
excellence. Our programs are  
designed to help you become  
the legal professional you  
were called to be.**



WE'VE  
HEARD YOUR  
QUESTIONS.  
**WE HAVE  
ANSWERS.**

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# WHAT DOES THE MLS PROGRAM OFFER?



*Trinity students working in the main lobby*

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# A community committed to academic excellence.

A robust Canvas classroom experience, and a more diverse community than ever, we know that you will find yourself at home here.

## MLS by the Numbers

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International Programs  
1. Europe  
2. Cambodia

9

Tracks

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Student/Faculty Ratio

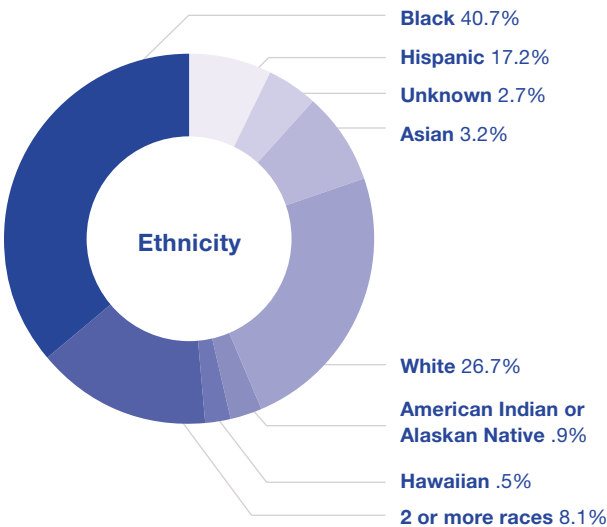
### Trinity School Accreditation

Trinity Law School is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California.

### Trinity International University List of Schools



### Our MLS Community





# WHY SHOULD I PURSUE AN **MLS** **FROM TRINITY?**





# Trinity Law School has been regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission



01

## Accreditation

The Higher Learning Commission regionally accredits Trinity Law School



02

## Admission Simplified

No GRE or LSAT required



03

## Convenient and Flexible

100% Online Courses



04

## Track Options

Nine available tracks.  
Perfect for working professionals



05

## Timely Completion

Students complete their studies in as few as 12-20 months



06

## Here for Your Success

Committed and reputable faculty



07

## Open Doors

Create new career opportunities



08

## Scholarships

Scholarships are considered for all applicants



09

## Join at Your Convenience

Six start terms per year



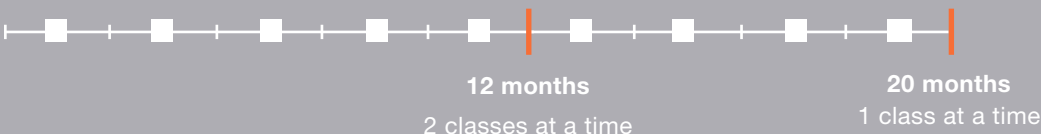
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## Prompt Decisions

Admission decision within one to three weeks of application completion

# HOW QUICKLY CAN I **COMPLETE** THIS DEGREE?

## Finish in 12 months or 20 months.



### New classes start every 8 weeks!

Our admission counselors are ready to help you navigate your MLS journey.

### Start Right Away

Our classes are ready when you are. Months you can start:



Trinity's MLS program follows a synchronous format, with virtual attendance requirements and scheduled homework due dates.

# Here's how you're going to get it done.

Our courses are meant to be both rigorous and flexible; designed to meet your needs and fit your schedule.

## We Know You're Busy

We want you to have the flexibility you need to keep your day job, spend time with your family, and pursue academic excellence.

## Online Courses, Real Connection

- Flexible Schedules
- Professor Accessibility
- Worldwide Student Collaboration
- Student Enhancement Experience with real-time access to your professors via:



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BY INSTRUCTURE

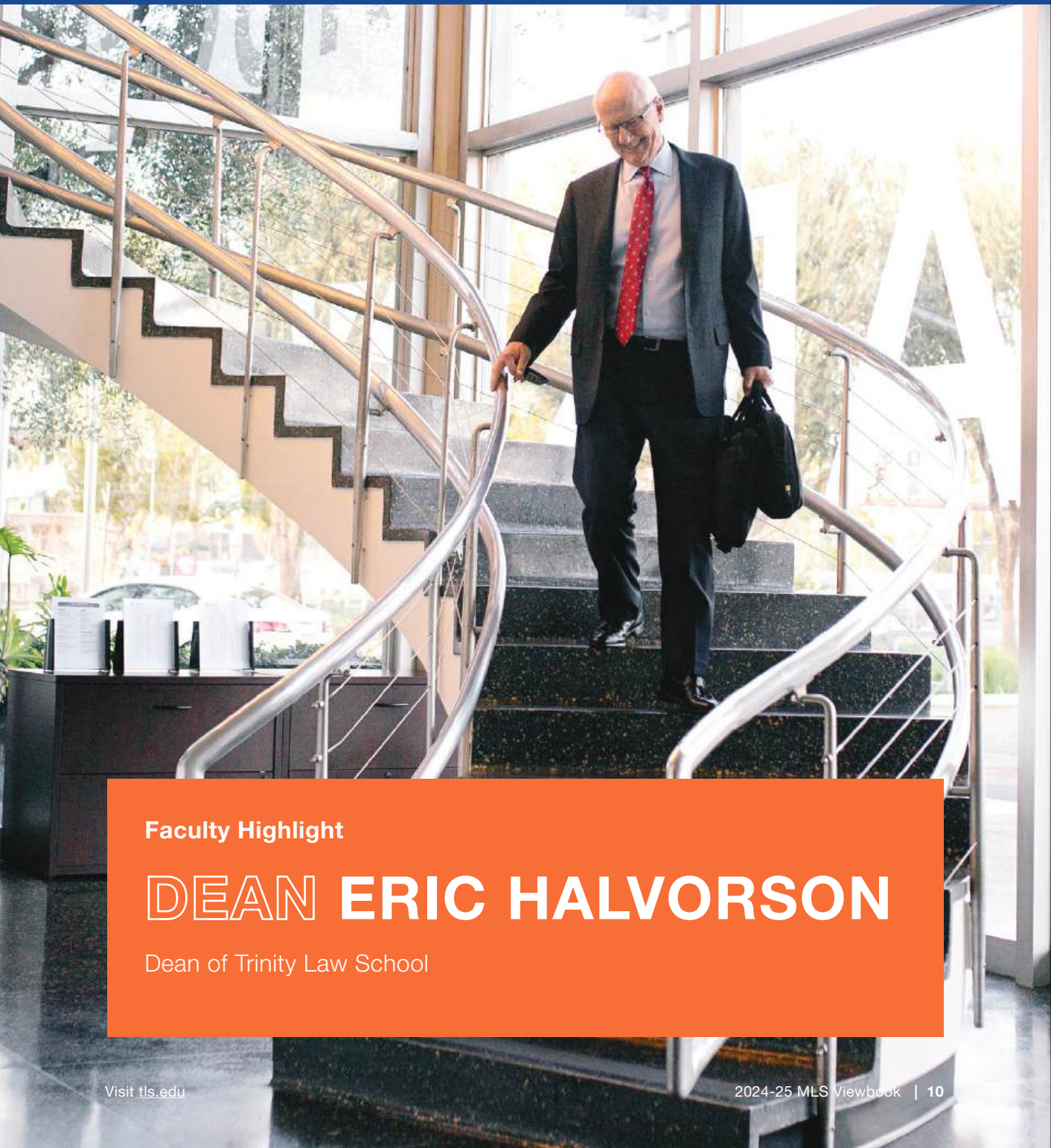
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**Adeline A. Allen**

*Associate Professor*

# WILL I STUDY UNDER QUALITY FACULTY?



**Faculty Highlight**

**DEAN ERIC HALVORSON**

Dean of Trinity Law School

# We don't hold your hand, but we have your back.

Our dedicated faculty members will provide the guidance you need to push you toward a successful legal career.

## A Few of our Faculty Members



**Laurie Stewart**

*J.D., Chapman University Law School*

Served on the boards of the Iowa Association of Mediators, Marketplace Women of Orange County, Orange County chapter of the Federalist Society, Orange County Women Lawyers, and Camp Berachah.



**Lloyd Tooks**

*J.D., Southwestern Law School*

Founding partner in the Los Angeles law firm of Sanders & Tisdale; and specializes in federal court litigation concerning employment discrimination and constitutional issues.



**Rocky Tindage**

*J.D., Trinity Law School*

Principal Attorney of The Mobile Estate Planner, a law firm focused on serving people in the areas of Estate Planning, Probate, Conservatorships, and Guardianships. Currently volunteers at the Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino, and was awarded the Wiley W. Manual Certificate for Pro Bono Legal Services by the California Lawyers Association.



# AVAILABLE TRACKS

01

## **Legal Studies**

The MLS degree provides you with a well-rounded view of law in a variety of fields.

02

## **Church and Ministry Management**

Trinity's MLS in Church and Ministry Management trains church leaders with the skills to protect their members' rights and pre-emptively avoid legal attacks.

03

## **Human Resources Management**

The Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM) sets the industry standard in HR accreditation. The MLS degree allows students to pursue SHRM certification.



**In Partnership with SHRM**

04

## **Alternative Dispute Resolution**

With Trinity's MLS in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), you will gain expertise in mediation through courses such as Labor Law and ADR and Cross Cultural Dispute Resolution.



# Nine tracks catered to your passions.

We have advisors ready to walk you through any questions you might have.

## 05

### **Human Rights**

Trinity's MLS in Human Rights will train you to find legal solutions to complex human rights violations and prepare you to offer actual relief to real suffering.

## 06

### **Bioethics**

Trinity's MLS in Bioethics delves into the research and practice of over-reaching reproductive technologies, euthanasia, testing on human embryos, and insurance regulations that put the patient second.

## 07

### **Criminal Justice**

Trinity's MLS in Criminal Justice will help you gain a stronger grasp of criminal law and procedure, diving deeper through electives such as Human Trafficking, Immigration Law, Juvenile Law, and Victimology and Restorative Justice.

## 08

### **Contracts and Negotiations**

Trinity's MLS in Contracts and Negotiation will not only give you a foundation in contracts and business organizations, but will give you expertise with classes such as Negotiation Theory and Practice, and Conflict Management in Business.

## 09

### **Nonprofit Organizations**

Trinity's MLS in Nonprofit Organizations gives you a strong background in the law so that your organization is protected legally.

# WHAT CLASSES CAN I EXPECT TO TAKE?

## 30 Unit Curriculum

This program is designed to give a broad understanding of law and legal systems for those students and professionals who seek to advance their careers in areas that involve legal compliance, regulations, contracts, negotiation, business, property, and human rights. The program provides a general introduction to legal principles that gives students already in the workforce the ability to aid their employers in legal issues.

### Required Core Courses: 15 units

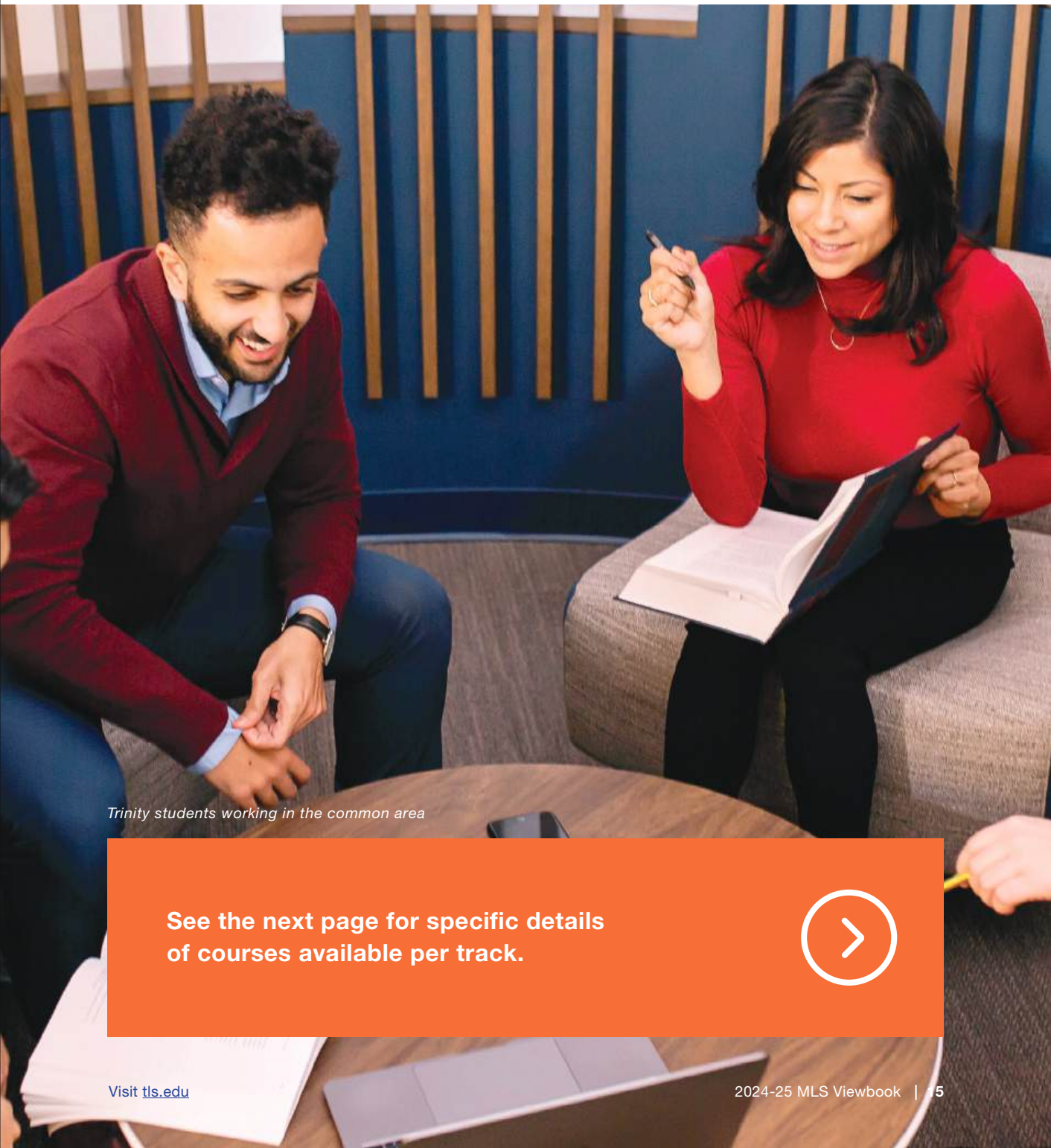
Legal Fundamentals	3
Contracts	3
Torts	3
Philosophy and Theology of Justice	3
Business Organizations	3

Along with these 15 core units, you will take an additional 15 units based on your track.

Course availability is subject to change.  
Please check [current track guide](#) for a list  
of available courses or visit [tls.edu](#)


# A curriculum designed with you in mind.

Our curriculum was carefully designed to give you the authority and confidence you need in the field.



*Trinity students working in the common area*

See the next page for specific details of courses available per track.



# YOUR CURRICULUM

01

## General Legal Studies

(allows participation in both study abroad opportunities)

### Concentration Courses (6 Units):

MLS600 Constitutional Law	3
MLS660 Property	3

### Elective Courses (Choose 9 units):

MLS450 SHRM-CP/SCP Exam Prep: Core HR Strategies & Functions (3 units) AND MLS451 SHRM-CP/SCP Exam Prep Organizational Effectiveness & Risk Management (3 units)	6
MLS531 Criminal Law	3
MLS783 Criminal Procedure	3
MLS800 Wills, Trusts and Estates	3

02

## Church and Ministry Management

### Concentration Courses (9 Units):

MLS600 Constitutional Law	3
MLS850 Exempt Organizations	3
MLS861 Nonprofit Law	3

### Elective Courses (Choose 6 units):

MLS400 Human Resource Compliance	3
MLS410 Staffing and Compensation Administration	3
MLS450 SHRM-CP/SCP Exam Prep: Core HR Strategies & Functions (3 units) AND MLS451 SHRM-CP/SCP Exam Prep Organizational Effectiveness & Risk Management (3 units)	6



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apply today!

# Apply for your degree, what are you waiting for?

## 02 Continued

### Church and Ministry Management

**Elective Courses (continued):**

MLS660 Property	3
MLS800 Wills, Trusts and Estates	3
MLS855 Religious Organizations	3
MLS860 Strategic Planning	3
MLS951 Religious Liberty and the Law	3

**Study Abroad:**

MLS543 Human Trafficking and Economic Development - Cambodia	3
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### Human Resources Management

**Concentration Courses (6 Units):**

MLS400 Human Resources Compliance	3
MLS450 SHRM-CP/SCP Exam Prep: Core HR Strategies & Functions (3 units) <u>AND</u> MLS451 SHRM-CP/SCP Exam Prep Organizational Effectiveness & Risk Management (3 units)	6

# CURRICULUM

continued

## 04

### Alternative Dispute Resolution

#### Concentration Courses (9 Units):

MLS670 Alternative Dispute Resolution	3
MLS675 Mediation	3
MLS680 Negotiation Theory and Practice	3

#### Elective Courses (Choose 6 units):

MLS415 Labor Law and ADR	3
MLS685 ADR in the Workplace	3
MLS686 Cross Cultural Dispute Resolution	3
MLS691 Conflict Management in Business and Nonprofit Organizations	3

## 05

### Human Rights

#### Concentration Courses (9 Units)

MLS600 Constitutional Law	3
MLS901 International Criminal Law	3
MLS923 Introduction to International Human Rights Law	3

#### Electives (9 Units)

MLS540 Human Trafficking	3
MLS700 Introduction to Bioethics	3
MLS905 The Theory and Law of Armed Conflict	3
MLS910 The Right to Life and the Law	3
MLS913 The Rights of Vulnerable Persons: Women, Children and the Impoverished	3
MLS914 The Rights of Minorities	3
MLS951 Religious Liberty and the Law	3
MLS995 Genocide and the Law	3

#### Study Abroad:

MLS543 Human Trafficking & Economic Development - Cambodia	3
MLS920 International Institute of Human Rights (4 units) & MLS921 International Forum on Human Rights (2 units)	6





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## The Center for Human Rights

The Center for Human Rights seeks to protect and advocate for the most vulnerable in our society and the world.

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# 06

## Bioethics

### Concentration Courses (6 Units)

MLS600 Constitutional Law	3
MLS700 Introduction to Bioethics (BE5000-0 or BE5000-21) ( <i>Fall</i> )	3
<u>OR</u> MLS700b Intensive Bioethics Seminar (BE5100-01 — <i>Summer 6-day Intensive</i> )	3

### Electives (9 Units):

MLS710 Current Issues in Bioethics (BE5800-01 — <i>Summer with 2 preconference workshops in June</i> )	3
MLS710a Bioethics National Conference (BE5900-01 — <i>Summer: 3-day conference in June</i> )	3
MLS720 Landmark Cases in Bioethics	3
MLS750 Bioethics Seminar	
MLS760 Bioethics and Public Policy	3
MLS760a The Public Policy Context (BE5499 — <i>Fall &amp; Spring</i> ) <u>AND</u> MLS760b Bioethics and Public Policy (BE5500-01 or BE5500-21 — <i>Fall</i> ) <u>OR</u> (BE5500-40 — <i>Spring</i> )	3
MLS910 The Right to Life and the Law or (BE5700-01)	3

*\*Face to face course offered at the Deerfield, IL campus only.  
Visit [www.cbhd.org](http://www.cbhd.org) for more information.*

# CURRICULUM

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07

## Criminal Justice

### Concentration Courses (6 Units)

MLS531 Criminal Law	3
MLS783 Criminal Procedure	3

### Electives (9 Units)

MLS540 Human Trafficking	3
MLS543 Human Trafficking and Economic Development – Cambodia	3
MLS565 Juvenile Law and Delinquency	3
MLS567 Race, Ethnicity, Gender and Criminal Justice	3
MLS570 Forensic Mental Health	3
MLS572 Victimology and Restorative Justice	3
MLS573 Cyber Criminology	3
MLS575 Law and Theory of Correction	3

### Study Abroad:

MLS543 Human Trafficking & Economic Development - Cambodia	3
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*\*overseas elective or study abroad option*

08

## Contracts and Negotiations

### Concentration Courses (6 Units)

MLS670 Alternative Dispute Resolution	3
MLS675 Mediation	3
MLS680 Negotiation Theory and Practice	3

### Electives (9 Units):

MLS415 Labor Law and ADR	3
MLS523 Contract Drafting and Analysis	3
MLS685 ADR in the Workplace	3
MLS686 Cross Cultural Dispute Resolution	3
MLS691 Conflict Management in Business & Nonprofit Organizations	3
MLS962 Real Estate Transactions	3



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# 09

## Nonprofit Organizations

### Concentration Courses (6 Units)

MLS850 Exempt Organizations 3

MLS861 Nonprofit Law 3

### Electives (9 Units)

MLS410 Staffing and Compensation Administration 3

MLS450 SHRM-CP/SCP Exam Prep: Core HR Strategies & Functions  
(3 units) AND MLS451 SHRM-CP/SCP Exam Prep Organizational  
Effectiveness & Risk Management (3 units) 6

MLS660 Property 3

MLS800 Wills, Trusts and Estates 3

MLS830 Legal and Ethical Issues in Fundraising for Nonprofits 3

MLS855 Religious Organizations 3

MLS860 Strategic Planning 3

MLS870 International Non-Government Organizations 3

### Study Abroad:

MLS543 Human Trafficking & Economic Development - Cambodia 3

Already  
have a JD  
degree?

Earn your MLS degree in  
as few as 12-15 units

Complete your Master of Legal Studies degree with only 4-5 additional classes, even while waiting for Bar results. Talk with an Admissions Counselor today to learn about JD transfer units, visit [tls.edu/phone](https://tls.edu/phone)

# WHAT ARE THE STANDARDS TO BE ACCEPTED?

## Application Requirements

Trinity Law School Admissions Committee seeks candidates who demonstrate an ability to be successful. Several factors are considered as evidence for success. These include undergraduate GPA, ability to communicate with precision, career accomplishments, and letters of recommendation to attest to these criteria. The committee reviews candidates on a rolling basis. The GRE is not required for admission. Admission decisions are made upon completion, or near completion, of your application file.



**Easy Online  
Application**



**We Order Your  
Transcripts**



**We'll contact your  
recommenders**



**Only 20 Minutes  
to Apply**

## MLS Checklist

- Bachelor's degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale).
- Official transcripts from your colleges/universities
- Two letters of recommendation

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## FAQs for TLS Applicants

### Why choose an MLS?

Trinity's Master of Legal Studies degree gives you the edge you need to get ahead. As an MLS student, you will learn how to analyze and work with legal regulations, while combining that advanced skill with many of the same specialties offered in an MBA.

### Will it fit into my busy schedule?

The program is especially designed for professional and busy individuals just like you. Most of your work can be completed asynchronously, and live sessions with your professors and classmates can be conducted from anywhere with internet access.

### How much are MLS textbooks?

Students are required to purchase their own textbooks and can choose any vendor. There is no requirement that the books be in print or electronic format. Many books are readily available online. Costs can range between \$15 - \$100 per course.

### Is the GRE and LSAT required for admission?


No.

# Our application only takes minutes to complete.

Helpful admissions advisors are ready to help you start your MLS journey.



# CAN I GET FINANCIAL AID TO COVER TUITION?

A man with a beard and receding hair, wearing a dark blue V-neck sweater over a light blue shirt and a striped tie. He is smiling and looking down at a document he is holding with a pen. The background shows a bookshelf filled with books.

**Doug Eaton**

Associate Vice President of Enrollment

**\*In the 2024-2025 academic year, all applicants are considered for a 50% scholarship.**



# Don't let money stand in the way.

Our Financial Aid department is here to help you navigate any financial roadblocks you might have.

## MLS Tuition and Fees

\$750 per unit + program fees  
\$2,250 per course

Total: \$22,500

*Total Program Cost is tuition only*

## Financial Aid

Federal financial aid is available for all Trinity students through the Direct Unsubsidized Loan (\$20,500/year, 6.6%) and the Direct PLUS Loan for Graduates (amount varies, 7.6%). The average financial aid package is \$13,650 per year and can be used to cover the cost of tuition, fees, and some living expenses.

# Scholarships\*

## Merit-Based

### 50% President's Scholarship:

3.5+ Undergrad GPA Requirement

### 30% Dean's Scholarship:

3.0 - 3.49 Undergrad GPA Requirement

### 20% Legal Studies Scholarship:

2.5 - 2.9 Undergrad GPA Requirement

## Non Merit-Based

### 50% TLS Grads

### 35% Non-TLS JD Grads

*Scholarships cannot be combined. Students will be awarded the highest scholarship for which they qualify.*

## Are you a U.S. Veteran?

Trinity Law School accepts Veteran benefits for MLS students.

*Please note that, currently, TLS cannot accept Veteran benefits for the JD program.*

*Unfortunately, TLS is not Yellow Ribbon eligible.*

The following three TLS-approved chapters include:

**Chapter 31:** VR&E (Veteran Readiness and Employment/Vocational Rehab)

**Chapter 33:** Post 9/11 GI Bill

**Chapter 35:** Survivors and Dependents

WHAT ARE  
THE DEGREE  
**OUTCOMES?**



# Get the most out of Trinity's MLS Program.

Feel better prepared for a career in law.

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01

**Obtain a foundational working knowledge of the theory, history, and application of law in America**

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02

**Gain an understanding of how the legal system works in the United States. Emphasis on government, historical context, and foundational values**

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03

**Become familiar with complex legal terms and become competent using them through use of substantive texts, cases, statutes, and memoranda**

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04

**Exhibit proficiency to use legal authority and perform proper analysis in the legal profession**

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# CONTACT US



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**Financial Aid:** 714.796.7120

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