MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES IN THE FIELD OF LAW FIRM MANAGEMENT

The Master of Professional Studies in law firm management responds to the need for highly skilled and adaptable leadership in law firms and companies providing services to law firms. This unique, flexible program provides law firm professionals with the business and leadership knowledge they need to succeed in the fast-growing law firm industry. The program consists of 30 credits and can be completed in 18 months. The first 12 credits may stand alone as a graduate certificate in law firm management. The program is specially designed for those working full-time, with a combination of distance learning and short-term residencies at the GW Alexandria Graduate Education Center. The program begins in June each year.

REQUIREMENTS

Specific admission requirements can be found on the Graduate Program Finder (http://www.gwu.edu/all-graduate-programs).

Applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning or international equivalent. Applicants should have a strong academic background, normally with a B average or better (3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale).

Degree requirements: 30 credits including:

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Scholarship Requirements

A grade-point average of 3.0 is required for award of a master’s degree. Students who receive a grade of C in more than 6 credits are subject to suspension. Students who receive a grade of F must confer with the dean before enrollment for further coursework is allowed. See CPS regulations (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/professional-studies/#regulationstext) for additional information regarding enrollment status and time limits.

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FACULTY

Director  C. Leonard

COURSES

Explanation of Course Numbers

- Courses in the 1000s are primarily introductory undergraduate courses
- Those in the 2000-4000s are upper-division undergraduate courses that can also be taken for graduate credit with permission and additional work
- Those in the 6000s and 8000s are for master’s, doctoral, and professional-level students
- The 6000s are open to advanced undergraduate students with approval of the instructor and the dean or advising office

PSLM 6201. Theories, Principles, and Practices of Law Firm Management. 6 Credits.
PSLM 6202. Applying Strategic & Business Planning. 3 Credits.
PSLM 6203. Practical Applications of Law Firm Management. 3 Credits.
PSLM 6204. Principles of Leadership. 6 Credits.
PSLM 6205. Application of Leadership Frameworks. 3 Credits.
PSLM 6206. Strategic Leadership for Sustainability and Change. 3 Credits.
PSLM 6207. Process Improvement in Law Firms. 3 Credits.
PSLM 6208. Legal Technology and Knowledge Management. 3 Credits.
Key elements of knowledge management, including development of a knowledge management strategy.
Prerequisite: PSLM 6207.