

Law School  
Master of Studies in Law  
Assumptions related to the Pro Forma Template

The basic assumption underlying this proposal is that students admitted to the program will participate in the same current courses offered to J.D. students. This becomes feasible, and enriches the current curriculum, due to reductions in J.D. enrollment brought about by the declining applicant pool. (Income will be offsetting revenue already lost due to reductions in J.D. enrollment. This program is designed to help mitigate that loss.) Only one new course will be added to the curriculum, and that course would be taught by a member of the current faculty whose load is reduced because of decreased J.D. enrollment.

Other personnel expenses: As long as the program remains as small as contemplated in this program, additional administrative costs would be borne by existing personnel. (E.g., with a lower volume of J.D. applications, current staff would be able to handle admissions and registrar functions associated with this program.)

Number of students: We assume that most students will attend classes on a part time basis. In order to complete the program in 4 years, we assume that those students will enroll in an average of approximately 8 credit hours per year. The figures provided assume that, in the first year, there will be 5 students (1 full time and 4 part time). In the second year, there will be 3 continuing students and 5 new students (2 enrolled full time). In year 3, there will be 6 continuing students and 5 new students (2 full time), and in subsequent years there will be 9 continuing students and 6 new students (3 full time).

Stipends: Because most students will be enrolled on a part time basis, substantial student stipends are not contemplated.

Marketing and supplies: Production and distribution of application forms and a brochure for the program. Other marketing would be integrated with J.D. marketing activities and would not generate additional costs.

Accreditation: The American Bar Association charges a one-time \$5,000 fee to “acquiesce” in masters level degree programs. Although we are not aware of other accreditation requirements for the program, that could change and additional costs could be incurred in the future.