

COMPLIANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT, MCRM

Degree: Master of Compliance and Risk Management (MCRM)

Program Overview

Case Western Reserve University School of Law's master and certificate programs in compliance and risk management are designed to meet the steadily increasing demand by businesses and government agencies for experts in the state, federal, and international laws and regulations that are relevant to the day-to-day operations of businesses.

The School of Law's programs in compliance and risk management join only a few other concentrated graduate courses of study in the country focusing on governance, risk management and compliance (GRC). The master program is the only such program in Ohio.

The master degree programs in compliance and risk management will provide lawyers and non-lawyers with the knowledge and analytical skills needed to work in an organization's compliance and/or risk management department competently, effectively, and ethically.

Learn more about GRC and the unique aspects of the programs.

Program Requirements

As the regulatory state has expanded, compliance and risk management has become a major new field of expertise with its own methods of critical thinking, risk assessment, and managerial sociology, allowing lawyers and business executives to protect stakeholders by anticipating and reducing enterprise risks. The Case Western Reserve University School of Law Master of Compliance and Risk Management is a concentrated course of study that will give working professionals the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the regulatory environment competently, effectively, and ethically. Students will acquire essential legal skills such as how to read and interpret statutes, regulations, and case law, how to identify, assess, and address legal risks and opportunities, and how to design and implement compliance and risk management programs.

The Master of Compliance and Risk Management (M-CRM) should attract working professionals interested in jobs in the field of regulatory compliance and risk management. It will allow us to build an infrastructure of foundational courses for specialty certificates or Master's level executive degrees in a series of highly regulated areas, such as healthcare, financial compliance and regulation, information privacy and data security, environmental health, eldercare, and/or clinical research regulation.

Students earning an M-CRM degree must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses:		
LAWS 5501	Risk Management	4
LAWS 4561	Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance	3
LAWS 4570	Compliance & Risk Management Skills: Planning, Auditing, Investigating, and Reporting	3

LAWS 7511	Thesis M.A.	4
Electives		16
Total Credit Hours		30

Specializations

Masters of Compliance & Risk Management students have the option for study of advanced topics in specialty areas.

If a student chooses to earn a specialty concentration, this will require completion of specific required courses and specialization electives, in addition to the general requirements for the degree.

Environmental Regulation & Policy Specialization

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses:		
LAWS 5727	Environmental Law	3
Electives ^a		13
General Electives ^b		3

- a Students must complete at least two environmental regulation electives approved by the Program Director.
- b Electives must be approved by advisor, but can include any course offered by CWRU.

Intellectual Property & Policy Specialization Fusion Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses:		
LAWS 4302	Patent Law	3
LAWS 4303	Trademark Law	3
	or LAWS 4301 Copyright Law	
LAWS 5341	Commercialization and Intellectual Property Management	3
Electives ^a		7
General Electives ^b		3

- a Must complete at least two fusion concentration electives as approved by the Program Director.
- b Must be approved by advisor, but can include any courses offered by CWRU.

Patent Law Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses:		
LAWS 4302	Patent Law	3
LAWS 4311	Patent Preparation and Prosecution I	3
LAWS 4312	Patent Preparation and Prosecution II	2
Electives ^a		8
General Electives ^b		3

- a Must complete at least two patent law concentration electives as approved by the Program Director.

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b Must be approved by advisor, but can include any courses offered by CWRU.

Law & the Arts Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses:		
LAWS 4301	Copyright Law	3
LAWS 4303	Trademark Law	3
LAWS 5332	Sports Law	1
Electives ^a		9
General Electives ^b		3

a Must complete at two law and the arts concentration electives as approved by the Program Director.

b Must be approved by advisor, but can include any courses offered by CWRU.

Healthcare Specialization

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses:		
LAWS 4201	Health Law	3
LAWS 5218	Health Care Organizations, Finance, and Regulation	3
Electives ^a		6-8

a Must complete at least two healthcare electives as approved by the Program Director.

Business Finance Specialization

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses:		
LAWS 4401	Business Associations	4
LAWS 5431	Securities Regulation	3
Electives ^a		6-8

a Must complete at least two business finance electives as approved by the Program Director.

Sample Plans of Study

If a student chooses to earn a specialty concentration, this will require completion of specific required courses and specialization electives, in addition to the general requirements for the degree.

Master of Compliance and Risk Management with a Specialization in Environmental Regulation

First Year		
Fall		Credit Hours
LAWS 5501	Risk Management	4
LAWS 5727	Environmental Law	3
Elective		3
Elective		2

Elective		2
Credit Hours		14
Spring		
LAWS 4561	Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance	3
LAWS 7511	Thesis M.A.	4
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		13
Summer		
LAWS 4570	Compliance & Risk Management Skills: Planning, Auditing, Investigating, and Reporting	3
Credit Hours		3
Total Credit Hours		30

Master of Compliance and Risk Management with a Specialization in Intellectual Property & Policy

Fusion Concentration

First Year		
Fall		Credit Hours
LAWS 5501	Risk Management	4
LAWS 4302	Patent Law	3
LAWS 5341	Commercialization and Intellectual Property Management	3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		13
Spring		
LAWS 4561	Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance	3
LAWS 4303	Trademark Law or LAWS 4301 or Copyright Law	3
LAWS 7511	Thesis M.A.	4
Elective		2
Elective		2
Credit Hours		14
Summer		
LAWS 4570	Compliance & Risk Management Skills: Planning, Auditing, Investigating, and Reporting	3
Credit Hours		3
Total Credit Hours		30

Patent Law Concentration

First Year		
Fall		Credit Hours
LAWS 5501	Risk Management	4
LAWS 4302	Patent Law	3
LAWS 4311	Patent Preparation and Prosecution I	3
Elective		3
Elective		2
Credit Hours		15

Spring		
LAWS 4561	Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance	3
LAWS 4312	Patent Preparation and Prosecution II	2
LAWS 7511	Thesis M.A.	4
Elective		3
Credit Hours		12
Summer		
LAWS 4570	Compliance & Risk Management Skills: Planning, Auditing, Investigating, and Reporting	3
Credit Hours		3
Total Credit Hours		30

Law & the Arts Concentration

First Year		
Fall		
		Credit Hours
LAWS 5501	Risk Management	4
LAWS 5332	Sports Law	1
LAWS 4301	Copyright Law	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		14
Spring		
LAWS 4561	Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance	3
LAWS 4303	Trademark Law	3
LAWS 7511	Thesis M.A.	4
Elective		3
Credit Hours		13
Summer		
LAWS 4570	Compliance & Risk Management Skills: Planning, Auditing, Investigating, and Reporting	3
Credit Hours		3
Total Credit Hours		30

Master of Compliance and Risk Management with a Specialization in Healthcare

First Year		
Fall		
		Credit Hours
LAWS 4201	Health Law	3
LAWS 5501	Risk Management	4
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		13
Spring		
LAWS 4561	Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance	3
LAWS 5218	Health Care Organizations, Finance, and Regulation	3
LAWS 7511	Thesis M.A.	4

Elective		4
Credit Hours		14
Summer		
LAWS 4570	Compliance & Risk Management Skills: Planning, Auditing, Investigating, and Reporting	3
Credit Hours		3
Total Credit Hours		30

Master of Compliance and Risk Management with a Specialization in Business Finance

First Year		
Fall		
		Credit Hours
LAWS 4401	Business Associations	4
LAWS 5501	Risk Management	4
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		14
Spring		
LAWS 4561	Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance	3
LAWS 5431	Securities Regulation	3
LAWS 7511	Thesis M.A.	4
Elective		3
Credit Hours		13
Summer		
LAWS 4570	Compliance & Risk Management Skills: Planning, Auditing, Investigating, and Reporting	3
Credit Hours		3
Total Credit Hours		30