

University of Minnesota Law School Master of Science in Patent Law Program Application Instructions

Application Steps	Application Instructions
Create Your Account	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit https://choose.umn.edu/apply/ 2. Select “Create an account” (or “Log in” if you have previously created an account in the application system) 3. Enter requested information and submit. 4. Enter the temporary PIN sent to your email account, confirm requested information, and submit. 5. Set a password using the defined criteria.
Create Application	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click “Start New Application”. 2. Click “Create New Application” and “Open Application”. 3. Specify campus: “University of Minnesota – Twin Cities”, specify major: “Patent Law M S P L”, select referral type, and click “Continue”. 4. Select proposed term of entry. <i>This should be Fall semester unless otherwise arranged with the program.</i>
Biographical Information	Complete all information.
Personal Background	Complete all information.
Academic History	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete all required information. 2. Attach unofficial transcripts for each institution listed.
Test Scores	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GRE/GMAT/LSAT scores are optional. 2. English proficiency scores are ONLY required for applicants whose native language is not English. Visit https://grad.umn.edu/admissions/international-student-resources/english-language-proficiency for more information and minimum requirements.
Employment	Complete all information.
Character and Fitness	Answer both questions. If you answer “Yes” to either or both questions, you will be prompted to upload a narrative statement explaining the circumstances.
Materials	<p>Statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Personal Statement (Required): Submit a personal statement (1-3 pages, double-spaced) articulating why you are interested in the field of patent law and why you believe you are a good candidate for this program. Your personal statement may be used to evaluate your writing skills, judgment, passions, and analytical abilities. If there are other matters you wish to explain, you may address those as well. 2. Diversity Statement (Optional): If you wish, you may attach an essay that reflects on your diversity, the reasons you feel it

	<p>enhances, your candidacy for the M.S. in Patent Law program, and how it impacted your decision to pursue a career in patent law.</p> <p>3. Extenuating Circumstances Statement (Optional): If you would like to provide an explanation of circumstances that contributed to your test scores, GPA, or other circumstance, you may do so.</p> <p>Other Materials:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resume/CV (Required): Submit a 1-2 page resume detailing your work and academic experience. 2. Writing Sample (Optional) 3. Description of Research (Optional) 4. Graduate Program Additional Material (Required): Complete and submit the Patent Bar Eligibility Assessment provided at the end of this document.
Recommendations	<p>Complete the recommendation instructions online.</p> <p>A minimum of one letter of recommendation is required. No more than three (3) letters of recommendation may be submitted. Recommenders will receive information by email on submitting their recommendation.</p>
Confirmation and Signature	Type your full legal name and click "Confirm".
Review	Review your application for accuracy and correct any errors. Prior to submitting your application, you may log out of your application and return to it as often as you like.
Submit	Submit your application.

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PATENT BAR ELIGIBILITY FORM

A central component of the M.S. in Patent Law Program focuses on preparing students for the patent bar exam. In order to take the patent bar exam students must meet the eligibility requirements set forth by the United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO).

You are solely responsible for reviewing the USPTO eligibility requirements and determining whether you will be eligible to sit for the Patent Bar upon completion of the M.S. in Patent Law Program.

The requirements are described in the General Requirements Bulletin, which can be found here:

http://www.uspto.gov/ip/boards/oed/exam/OED_GRB.pdf

Applicants who are not patent bar eligible may still apply but must show that they will be patent bar eligible upon completion of the program or that they do not intend to practice before the USPTO. Students may have the option of taking 1-2 technical courses as part of the program if needed to meet eligibility requirements provided the necessary course(s) fit the student's schedule and the student obtains permission from the department offering the course(s).

Name of applicant (last, first, middle)

I certify that I have reviewed the United States Patent & Trademark Office General Requirements Bulletin describing the scientific and technical training requirements for patent bar eligibility.

I understand that I am solely responsible for determining whether I will be eligible to sit for the Patent Bar upon completion of the M.S. in Patent Law Program.

I have completed, or expect to complete, the following scientific or technical degree prior to the commencement of the Master of Science in Patent Law Program:

Degree: _____ Graduation or Expected Graduation: _____

I have determined the following (complete one column below):

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
<input type="checkbox"/> This degree meets USPTO scientific and technical training requirements under the following Schedule:	<input type="checkbox"/> I will need to take additional courses in order to meet USPTO scientific and technical training requirements.	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not meet USPTO scientific and technical training requirements, but do not intend to sit for the patent bar because it is not necessary for my career goals.
<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule A <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule B, Option 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule B, Option 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule B, Option 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule B, Option 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule C	Number of additional courses and credits required: Courses: _____ Credits: _____	Brief Description of Career Goal:

Non-US Applicants ONLY:

I understand that in addition to the scientific and technical requirements my patent bar eligibility is subject to 37 CFR 11.6(c).

Applicant's signature	Date
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