

Dispute Resolution

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Dispute Resolution Field

DR professionals work in many different areas. To illustrate, the Association for Conflict Resolution has sections dealing with commercial, community, consumer, court, criminal justice, education, environmental / public policy, family, health care, international, ombudsman, online disputes, organizational conflict management, spirituality, training, and workplace issues.

Faculty

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Undergraduate

While MU does not offer undergraduate degrees specifically in dispute resolution, the University does offer baccalaureate opportunities in a number of related areas in the other Schools and Colleges that make up the University. The catalog provides a complete list of these degree options (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/degreesanddegreeprograms/>).

Graduate

- LLM in Dispute Resolution (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/schooloflaw/disputeresolution/llm-dispute-resolution/>)

About the Dispute Resolution Program

Students in the Master of Laws (LL.M.) dispute resolution program have a unique opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of theoretical, policy, design and ethical issues in dispute resolution. They study with leading dispute resolution scholars who generate important academic work influencing dispute resolution theory and practice around the world. Small class sizes create a close community with faculty and students.

Our program blends theoretical analysis, practitioner skills, and systems design work in courses usually limited to LL.M. students. Our diverse student body — by age, race, nationality, legal background — enriches the level of discussion, inside and outside the classroom.

The LL.M. meets the needs of those with backgrounds as advocates, neutrals, law-trained court administrators and government agency personnel, among others.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must have completed the first degree in law (JD, LLB or equivalent) required for law practice or law teaching in the country in which law studies were pursued. Note: U.S. applicants must have satisfied the JD requirements of an ABA-accredited law school. In exceptional cases, U.S. applicants may be admitted if they have satisfied the JD requirements of a non-ABA-accredited law school.

- Applicants may be admitted without a JD degree if they have a bachelor's degree and **substantial** experience in dispute resolution.
- Applicants must possess a minimum 2.5 (A = 4.0) grade point average in their law program, and a 3.0 GPA for work completed in any additional graduate or advanced degree program.
- Applicants must be able to start the program in the fall semester (which begins in mid-August). New students are not admitted in the spring or summer semesters.