



DIFFERENTIAL TUITION REQUEST

College/School: Law Department/Program: Master of Studies in Law Degree

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Level: Undergraduate Graduate

Proposed Differential to be applied as: by student type (major): by course:

For Main Campus units, all new differential tuition will be charged by student type (major) and will follow the tuition block.

Requested Differential Tuition (shown as an amount per student credit hour):

Student Type	Current Differential	Proposed Differential	Increase/Decrease or New Differential
Residents	\$0	\$352.34	\$352.34
Non-Residents	\$0	\$527.05	\$527.05
Other	\$	\$	\$

Effective Academic Year: 17-18

If the differential tuition request is approved it will be applied in the following academic year **beginning in the fall semester.**

Rationale for Request: Please provide a detailed explanation on the reasoning for the increase/decrease or new differential tuition. Please refer to policy UAP 8210 2.2 for qualifying justifications for differential tuition.

This request is not for an increase, a decrease, or new differential tuition. Rather, it is a request to expand the coverage of the law school's current differential tuition for the Juris Doctor (JD) program to the law school's new Master of Studies in Law (MSL) program, the enrollment of which is capped at 8 FTE students (full-timers plus part-timers). Except for one new course developed for the MSL program called "Introduction to U.S. Law, Procedure, and Legal Education," MSL students take the same courses as JD students. The introductory course is taught by a law professor. Therefore, the cost of instruction for the courses taken by students in both programs is the same, so the rationale for the current JD differential tuition applies to the MSL program to the extent described below.

The JD is a professional program that competes in expensive regional and national markets that require more resources to remain competitive, including the ability to attract faculty who demand higher salaries and who will now teach both JD and MSL students.

The tuition differential supports the school's curriculum, which provides students with high-quality instruction and requires a low student-faculty ratio.



Because the law school's program requirements are geared toward meeting JD licensure requirements, the excellent instruction in the JD program will redound to the benefit of the MSL students.

Market Analysis: Please provide detailed information on whether the college/school or department/program cost of instruction is markedly higher than the university average program costs or market conditions warrant additional tuition.

See explanation above. The law school must charge a tuition differential to provide the curriculum, faculty, and student support services that allow it to compete with its peers.

Student Consultation: A preliminary request should be submitted to the Provost Office (Main Campus) or Chancellor's Office (Health Sciences Center (HSC)) no later than October 1st. Per policy it must be posted to the unit's website no later than October 1st to allow for at least 30 days of constituent comment prior to final submission to the Provost or Chancellor by November 1st.

Please provide an explanation on how you plan to communicate the proposed differential tuition request to students, and the feedback you have already received from students on this request, if any.

The Law School will post a notice on its website to inform students of the proposed expansion of its current JD program tuition differential to the new MSL program. No feedback has been received so far.

Accountability/Budget Information: Please provide budgetary information about how the revenue generated will be expensed. It is highly encouraged to set aside a portion of the revenue generated by the differential for financial aid (see policy UAP 8210 2.2.2).

Financial Aid Set Aside Amount: 10%

Proposed Annual Revenue

Differential Tuition (per student credit hour)	\$352.34 resident \$572.05 non-resident
Projected # of Student Credit Hours (all student credit hours taken by student majors in the program).	100
Total Revenue	\$35,234

Proposed Annual Expenditures

Financial Aid Set Aside (%)	\$3,523
Faculty Expense	\$8,700
Advising Personnel	\$4,052 TA Support



Support Staff Expense	\$13,512
Operating Expenses	\$5,467 Recruitment Costs
Total Program Costs	\$35,234

Please provide a detailed explanation on how the revenue will be used for this program:

Revenue will be used to pay the part-time program director, the part-time program coordinator, the JD-student teaching assistants, faculty and administrative support, recruitment costs, and need-based financial aid awards.

The 10% financial aid set-aside for the MSL program is greater than the 2.6% set-aside for the JD program because the law school retains both base and differential tuition revenue generated by the MSL program in accordance with the approved Form D New Graduate Degree proposal (incorporated herein by reference) that established this degree pursuant to UNM's Responsibility-Centered Management budget model.

The law school will adapt its procedures for need-based scholarship awards for JD students to MSL students. See the next section regarding other sources of financial aid for MSL students.

Student Access and Affordability: Please explain how student access and affordability will be addressed.

UNM School of Law is one of the most affordable law schools in the Mountain West Region and in the country. Each year, the National Jurist/PreLaw Magazine ranks law schools around the country on overall value, which is calculated based on tuition, cost of living, average indebtedness after law school, bar passage rate and employment success. In 2015 UNM School of Law was ranked 6th in the nation for value.

UNM Law School's tuition is significantly lower than most other law schools. Tuition for full-time students (12-18 credits) in the 2016-17 academic year is \$16,236.48 for residents and \$35,291.76 for non-residents. 2016-17 tuition for part-time students is \$676.52 per credit hour for residents and \$1,470.49 per credit hour for non-residents. Most if not all MSL students are expected to be residents. University support allows the law school to maintain its low tuition.

Our affordability is a big factor for applicants. Many students choose UNM not only because of our great academic programs, but for our incredible value. Applicants are smart consumers who are very conscious of cost and overall value of their degree.

MSL students apply for financial aid through UNM Graduate Studies for sources other than the need-based set-aside described in the previous section. Some part-time MSL students may work for companies that pay all or part of their tuition. UNM personnel who are eligible for the Employee Tuition Remission Benefit may enroll part-time in the MSL program and use this benefit to pay for base and differential tuition plus mandatory fees for up to 8 credit hours per semester and up to 4 credit hours per summer session.



These financial aid sources and our comparatively low tuition enable students to afford the MSL program and benefit themselves and their employers in the short and long term through the knowledge and skills they acquire.

Peer Comparison Chart: Please complete the Excel peer comparison spreadsheet. If the peer institutions listed does not have a similar college/school or department/program add an institution that most closely resembles your unit. Please note this adjustment below.

Of the 22 peer universities listed in the UNM Peer Comparison spreadsheet, only 9 had masters of studies of law programs. We have added 8 public universities that have masters of studies in law.

Other Information: Please provide any additional information that supports this request for differential tuition.

The proposed annual revenue and expenditures are based on year 1 of the Law School's projected tuition differential revenue and expenditure. These amounts account for the tuition differential portion of the total revenue, and the revenue is based resident tuition differential amount only. Please see attached report for the year 2 through year 5 projections.

Dean/Director Approval:

Printed Name: Alfred Mathewson

Signature:  Date: 1/30/16

Attachment for UNM School of Law Master of Studies in Law
 Tuition Differential Request Six-Year Enrollment Projection

Year	Full-time Students @ 30 CH/year		Part-time Students @ 10 CH/year		Credit Hours	Tuition Differential Revenue @ \$352.34/Ch
	New	Returning	New	Returning		
1*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
2	1		7		100	35,234
3	3	0	1	7	170	59,898
4	5	0	1	8	240	84,562
5	5	0	7	2	240	84,562
6	5	0	0	9	240	84,562

Estimated Program Costs Covered by Tuition Differentials	Year 0 FY16	Year 1 FY17	Year 2 FY18	Year 3 FY19	Year 4 FY20	Year 5 FY21
Director SAC	\$ 10,000	\$4,990	\$13,543	\$18,377	\$18,300	\$18,300
Faculty Support		\$1,748	\$3,724	\$7,351	\$7,320	\$7,320
Faculty Fringes	\$ 2,900	\$1,962	\$5,060	\$7,564	\$7,558	\$7,558
TA support		\$2,876	\$3,900	\$5,293	\$5,270	\$5,270
Graduate Fringes		\$1,176	\$1,750	\$2,607	\$2,851	\$2,851
Administrative Support	\$ 10,000	\$9,987	\$13,543	\$18,377	\$18,300	\$18,300
Fringe Benefits	\$ 3,500	\$3,525	\$4,835	\$6,616	\$6,661	\$6,661
Recruitment Costs	\$ 25,000	\$5,467	\$7,553	\$9,921	\$9,844	\$9,844
Financial Aid at 10%		\$3,523	\$5,990	\$8,456	\$8,456	\$8,456
Expense Totals	\$ 51,400	\$ 35,254	\$ 59,898	\$ 84,562	\$ 84,562	\$ 84,562



The University of New Mexico
2016-17 Tuition Projections

College: School of Law
Program: Masters of Studies in Law

Graduate Resident

Resident	Tuition (1)	Differential for Peer College/Program (2)	FY 2016 Projected Tuition @ 2% Increase	Proposed Differential	Total Proposed Tuition
University of New Mexico	\$ 4,443	n/a	n/a		\$ 4,443
Peer Median	\$ 20,716	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$ -
1 Arizona State University*	\$ 31,200		\$ 624	n/a	\$ 31,824
2 Florida International University*	\$ 20,716		\$ 414	n/a	\$ 21,130
3 New Mexico State University*			\$ -	n/a	\$ -
4 Oklahoma State University*			\$ -	n/a	\$ -
5 Texas A&M University* Full-Time	\$ 22,000		\$ 440	n/a	\$ 22,440
Texas A&M University* Part-Time	\$ 11,800		\$ 236	n/a	\$ 12,036
6 Texas Tech University*			\$ -	n/a	\$ -
7 The University of Tennessee			\$ -	n/a	\$ -
8 The University of Texas at Arlington*			\$ -	n/a	\$ -
9 The University of Texas at Austin**			\$ -	n/a	\$ -
10 The University of Texas at El Paso*			\$ -	n/a	\$ -
11 University of Arizona*	\$ 28,857		\$ 577	n/a	\$ 29,434
12 University of California-Riverside			\$ -	n/a	\$ -
13 University of Colorado-Boulder**	\$ 29,708		\$ 594	n/a	\$ 30,302
14 University of Colorado-Denver**			\$ -	n/a	\$ -
15 University of Houston**			\$ -	n/a	\$ -
16 University of Iowa **	\$ 14,758		\$ 295	n/a	\$ 15,053
17 University of Kansas*			\$ -	n/a	\$ -
18 University of Missouri-Columbia*			\$ -	n/a	\$ -
19 University of Nebraska-Lincoln*	\$ 13,975		\$ 279	n/a	\$ 14,254
20 University of Nevada-Las Vegas			\$ -	n/a	\$ -
21 University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus*	\$ 20,531		\$ 411	n/a	\$ 20,942
22 University of Utah**			\$ -	n/a	\$ -
23 University of California-Hastings*	\$ 46,685		\$ 934	n/a	\$ 47,619
24 Cleveland Marshall*	\$ 31,884		\$ 638	n/a	\$ 32,522
25 Indiana University (IUPUI)	\$ 25,315		\$ 506	n/a	\$ 25,822
26 University of New Hampshire*	\$ 33,185		\$ 664	n/a	\$ 33,849
27 The Ohio State University*	\$ 22,818		\$ 456	n/a	\$ 23,274
28 University of Pittsburgh*	\$ 52,452		\$ 1,049	n/a	\$ 53,501
29 Washburn University*	\$ 21,670		\$ 433	n/a	\$ 22,103
30 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*	\$ 53,340		\$ 1,067	n/a	\$ 54,407

(1) Tuition is based on full time status (15 credit hours for graduate tuition per semester) Fall and Spring semesters

(2) Please indicate the peer's differential tuition based on the college/program your unit is comparing to.

*includes student fees

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Graduate Non-Resident

Non-Resident	Tuition (1)	Differential for Peer College/Program (2)	FY 2016 Projected Tuition @ 2% Increase	Proposed Differential	Total Proposed Tuition
University of New Mexico	\$ 15,002	n/a	n/a		\$ 15,002
Peer Median	\$ 22,000	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$ -
1 Arizona State University*	\$ 39,200		\$ 784	n/a	\$ 39,984
2 Florida International University*	\$ 20,716		\$ 414	n/a	\$ 21,130
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15 University of Houston**			\$ -	n/a	\$ -
16 University of Iowa **	\$ 14,758		\$ 295	n/a	\$ 15,053
17 University of Kansas*			\$ -	n/a	\$ -
18 University of Missouri-Columbia*			\$ -	n/a	\$ -
19 University of Nebraska-Lincoln*	\$ 31,390		\$ 141	n/a	\$ 31,530
20 University of Nevada-Las Vegas			\$ -	n/a	\$ -
21 University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus*	\$ 30,956		\$ 619	n/a	\$ 31,575
22 University of Utah**			\$ -	n/a	\$ -
23 University of California-Hastings*	\$ 46,685		\$ 934	n/a	\$ 47,619
24 Cleveland Marshall*	\$ 54,324		\$ 1,086	n/a	\$ 55,410
25 Indiana University (IUPUI)	\$ 44,163		\$ 883	n/a	\$ 45,046
26 University of New Hampshire*	\$ 36,885		\$ 738	n/a	\$ 37,623
27 The Ohio State University*	\$ 59,328		\$ 1,187	n/a	\$ 60,515
28 University of Pittsburgh*	\$ 60,632		\$ 1,213	n/a	\$ 61,845
29 Washburn University*	\$ 33,820		\$ 676	n/a	\$ 34,496
30 University of Illinois Urbana Champagne*	\$ 53,340		\$ 1,067	n/a	\$ 54,407

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