

Master of Dispute Resolution Checklist

USC Gould School of Law Master of Dispute Resolution Degree Checklist 2024-2025

SPECIALIZE YOUR DEGREE BY ENROLLING IN A

CERTIFICATE Specialize your degree by enrolling in a business law certificate at no additional cost.

SELECT YOUR CERTIFICATE AFTER REGISTRATION

Interested students may select their certificate during their final semester. Students are limited to pursuing one certificate per degree. If you would like additional guidance on the certificate and course selection process, you are welcome to meet with an advisor.

CERTIFICATE UNITS COUNT TOWARD THE DEGREE

REQUIREMENTS To earn the certificate, students must complete the mandatory courses as well as the required number of units from elective courses. Be aware that you must earn a cumulative GPA of 2.6 within the certificate courses. The following page indicates the mandatory and elective courses for the certificate.

Classes may not be offered every semester/year.

Please consult with an advisor.

Note: The MDR degree is not intended to prepare you to sit for the bar exam. Therefore, you cannot practice law upon earning this degree.

Some courses are GIP/JD mixed sections. MDR students may only enroll in a GIP/JD section where no GIP-only section is offered. Please note that in GIP/JD sections, enrollment is pending seat availability and MDR students will be graded on the same curve as JD students.

Not all courses are offered every semester or year.

Consult with an advisor.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To earn the MDR degree, you must successfully complete 24 LAW credits, and earn a cumulative GPA of 2.6 in all coursework. Students must complete the 9 mandatory units and an additional 6 units within the MDR curriculum options to earn the MDR degree. See the MDR Curriculum Options for a list of MDR electives.

Mandatory Courses (9 units)

- ADR Ethics (1 units)
- ADR Law and Policy: Arbitration and Mediation (3 units)
- Cross-Cultural Dispute Resolution (2 units)
- Mediation Theory and Practice (3 units)

MDR CURRICULUM OPTIONS

- ADR Clause Drafting
- ADR Externships
- Arbitration Advocacy
- Arbitration in the United States
- Business Organizations
- Divorce and Family Mediation
- Employment Dispute Mediation
- International Arbitration
- International Negotiation and Mediation
- Introduction to the U.S. Legal System
- Mediation Advocacy
- Negotiation Theory and Application
- Organizational Ombuds
- Practical Mediation Skills Clinic

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BUSINESS LAW CERTIFICATE (12 UNITS)

Mandatory Course (4 units)

- Business Organizations

Elective Courses (9 or more units)

- Business for Lawyers
- Contracts
- Contract Drafting, Analysis, and Negotiation
- Dealmaking in the Entertainment Industry
- Employment Dispute Mediation
- Intellectual Property
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Organizational Ombuds