



MASTER'S BENEFITS

AN OVERVIEW

Advantages & Drawbacks

- professional expertise
- build Connections
- learn more information about subject of interest
- cost of school
- may not yield higher salaries
- intense studying may demand compromises in other areas of life

Master's vs. Law School

Earning a LLM degree BEFORE a JD:

- Law schools would look at your Master's GPA for admission, so this could be an opportunity to increase chances.
 - **15%** of Columbia JD applicants had graduate coursework
- More professor connections for Personal Statement
- Greater independent projects can give you legal experience relevant to law schools

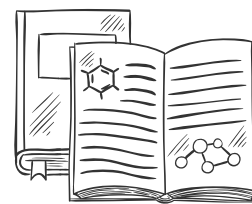
Working Alongside Your Degree

- Set schedules for studying and doing readings
- Use assignment planners
- Ask for help when necessary
- Get adequate sleep when possible
 - Set boundaries in relationships to prioritize schooling
 - Ask co-workers to swap shifts during busy periods
 - time management strategies are key



FAQ

1. **How long does a Master's degree take?**
 - a. Depending on course load (part-time or full-time), and the specific program, Master's degrees often take **1-3 years**.
2. **How much does a Master's degree cost?**
 - a. Tuition fees for a Queen's master's degree for 2021-22 range from **\$7,013-\$18,806** total depending on the program.
3. **Am I guaranteed a salary bonus or greater job prospects with a Master's degree?**
 - a. No; there is potential, but this is not always the case. For instance, engineers who already have high incomes on average often only see a **6%** salary increase. Average MBA lifetime earnings are **only 1%** greater than it would have been without their Master's degree.



Common Master's Programs:

- **Master of Arts (MA)**
- **Master of Science (MS or MSc)**
- **Master of Business Administration (MBA)**
- **Master of Laws (LLM)**
- **Master of Engineering (MEng)**
- **Master of Architecture (M.Arch)**
- **Master of Social Work (MSW)**

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