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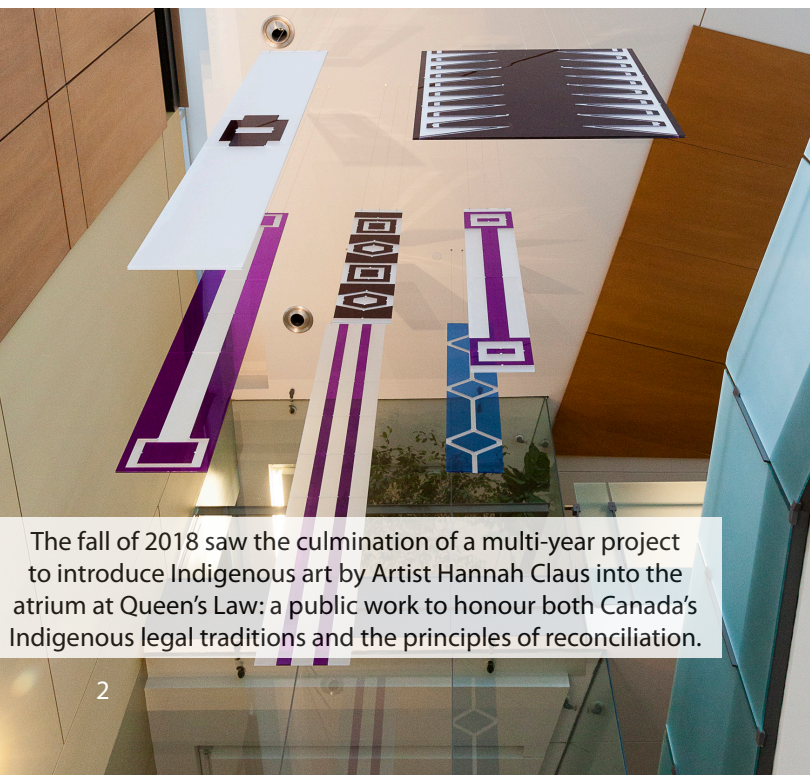
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BE A PART OF QUEEN'S LAW

Academic Requirements

All applicants must have completed successfully a minimum of three years of full-time undergraduate studies in a degree program at a recognized post-secondary institution that provides an academic environment and education that prepares students for potential success in advanced study at Queen's.



The fall of 2018 saw the culmination of a multi-year project to introduce Indigenous art by Artist Hannah Claus into the atrium at Queen's Law: a public work to honour both Canada's Indigenous legal traditions and the principles of reconciliation.

How to Apply

Applications are processed online through the Ontario Law School Application Service (OLSAS).

All applicants must submit the following materials directly to OLSAS:

- Law School Admission Test (LSAT) scores
- Official post-secondary transcripts
- Personal statement
- Autobiographical Sketch and Verifiers
- At least one academic letter of reference

The deadline is

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for admission in the following September. Complete and submit the application to OLSAS at ouac.on.ca/olsas

First Year Class Profile

General Category

161

LSAT Highest
Score Average

3.75

Top 2 Years'
Average

Access Category

160

LSAT Highest
Score Average

3.74

Top 2 Years'
Average

Admission Categories and Standards

General Category

Your academic record and LSAT score are weighed most heavily in this category. The other Admissions Philosophy criteria are weighed carefully in making distinctions between applicants who are equally competitive on these bases.

To be a competitive applicant, you should have at least an "A-" average (grade point average [GPA] of 3.7) in the top 2 years of your undergraduate degree program at a full course load along with an LSAT score of at least 157.

Access Category

Our Faculty of Law is committed to enhancing diversity in legal education and the legal profession. To this end, we encourage applications from candidates whose backgrounds, qualities or experiences allow them to make unique contributions to the law school community, the legal profession and society in general. We will consider the following factors:

- Disability
- Educational and financial disadvantage
- Membership in a historically disadvantaged group
- Age
- Life and lived experience
- Any other factor relating either to educational barriers you faced, or to your ability to enrich the diversity of the law school community and the legal profession

To be a competitive applicant, you should have at least a "B+" average (GPA of 3.5) in the top 2 years of your undergraduate degree program at a full course load along with an LSAT score of at least 155.

Indigenous Peoples Category

Our Faculty of Law is committed to increasing Indigenous representation within the legal profession and therefore welcomes applications from Indigenous Peoples, including First Nation (Status and Non-Status), Métis and Inuit.

We will consider applications based on identification with your Indigenous community, as well as other factors, such as academic performance, LSAT results, employment history, letters of reference and a Personal Statement. The Admissions Committee uses this material to judge whether an applicant can undertake the JD degree program successfully.

If there is strong evidence of academic ability in the application, an exception might be made to the academic standards.

Black Student Applicant Category

Queen's Faculty of Law is committed to increasing Black representation within the legal profession and supporting Black students who choose Queen's.

We will consider applications based on any personal or professional experiences that allow an applicant to contribute to the law school community and further the law school's goal of building a representative and diverse class cohort. We will also consider other factors such as academic performance, LSAT results, employment history, letters of reference and a Personal Statement. The Admissions Committee uses this material to judge whether an applicant can undertake the JD degree program successfully.

To be competitive in the admissions process, you should have at least a "B+" average (GPA of 3.5) in the top 2 years of your undergraduate degree program at a full course load, along with an LSAT score of at least 155. We may consider other evidence of academic ability in addition to these academic standards.

INTERDISCIPLINARY OPPORTUNITIES WITH **COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Queen's Law has joined with other leading schools and departments at Queen's University and with Sherbrooke University in Quebec to offer students several combined degree programs.

With the exception of the Civil Law/Common Law program and the BCom/JD program, applicants to all combined degree programs must apply for admission to the JD degree program through OLSAS and complete the application process for admission to the graduate degree program through either the School of Graduate Studies or the Smith School of Business.

JD/Master of Business Administration

(4 years - early completion options of 3.5 years)

This four-year combined program capitalizes on the strength of the internationally acclaimed, intensive 12-month Master of Business Administration degree offered by Queen's Smith School of Business and the rich business law program offered by Queen's Law. Students start the MBA portion of the program in the winter semester of their second year of law school.



<https://smith.queensu.ca>

Graduate Diploma in Business

(four month summer program)

Queen's Smith School of Business offers a four-month Graduate Diploma in Business (GDB) that may be combined with JD degree studies for recent university graduates with a degree in a non-business discipline. The GDB offers a comprehensive overview of business fundamentals through eight courses, which are the same as those in the full-time MBA program's Fundamentals Module. JD students can complete the GDB from May to August after first-year JD studies at less than half the cost of the full-time MBA. Students who complete the GDB successfully with a B+ average may apply later to have the credits transferred toward completion of other Queen's MBA degree programs.

Bachelor of Commerce/JD

(6 years)

This six-year combined program capitalizes on the strength of the Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) degree offered by Queen's Smith School of Business and the business law program offered by Queen's Law. The BCom/JD degree reduces completion time and tuition by one year for undergraduate students admitted to the BCom degree program at Queen's. Students entering the third year of the Queen's BCom program are eligible to apply through an internal application process at Queen's.

Master of Public Administration/JD

(3.5 years - early completion option of 3 years)

Queen's Master of Public Administration/Juris Doctor (MPA/JD) is a three-and-a-half-year combined degree program. The MPA/JD is an excellent choice if you seek to combine advanced skills in policy analysis and management with training in law for successful policy development and implementation. The School of Policy Studies has a strong reputation for advanced education in policy studies in the areas of health policy, global governance, social policy and public policy in the voluntary sector of not-for-profit, community-based, non-governmental organizations.

Master of Arts (Economics)/JD

(3 years)

Queen's Law has joined with the Department of Economics to offer a combined program that allows students to obtain both an MA and JD degree in three years. The program provides highly focused interdisciplinary training for students interested in the many areas where law and economic analysis intersect. Combined MA (Econ)/JD students will receive excellent training and gain a strong comparative advantage to pursue careers in specialized legal work that requires knowledge of economic theory and social science methods, high-level policy work and academia.

Master of Industrial Relations/JD

(3.5 years - early completion option of 3 years)

The Master of Industrial Relations/Juris Doctor (MIR/JD) is a three-and-a-half-year combined degree program that merges graduate training in human resources management, employment and labour policy with a professional degree in law.

Civil Law/Common Law Joint Degree Program

(1 year)

Queen's Law has partnered with the University of Sherbrooke to offer a combined common law and civil law degree. In this program, Queen's JD graduates who are fluent in French can study at Sherbrooke for one year to obtain a civil law degree. Similarly, graduates of the University of Sherbrooke are eligible to study at Queen's for one year in order to receive a common law degree.

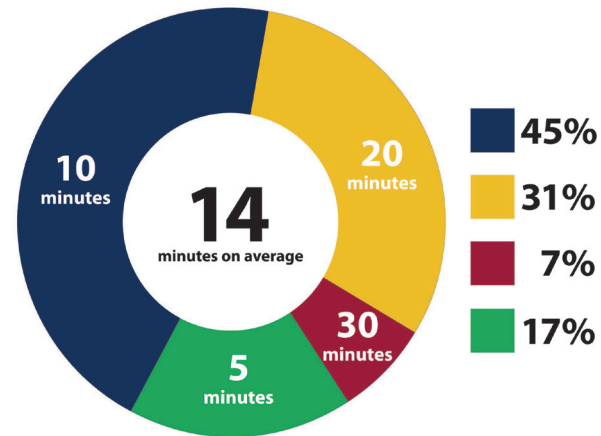
Usually there is enough space for some graduates of other Quebec law schools to be accepted for admission to this combined program. Graduates of the Civil Law/Common Law Combined Degree Program are eligible to apply for the licensing process and articling positions to practice in any province or territory in Canada.

DISCOVERING KINGSTON

Live Where You Study

Historic downtown Kingston is bordered by waterfront parks along the shores of Lake Ontario and the Cataraqui River. Most Queen's Law students live within a 15-minute walking distance to the law school. This allows them to spend more time forging friendships and making connections with professors, colleagues and the law community as a whole. Kingston offers the perfect blend of quaint small-town feel with big-city amenities.

Law students' walking distance to the law school



One of Canada's Most Prestigious Universities

Queen's University is a community, 175 years of tradition, academic excellence, research, and beautiful waterfront campus made of limestone buildings and modern facilities. But more than anything Queen's is people. Queen's is one of Canada's oldest degree-granting institutions, and has influenced Canadian higher education since 1841 when it was established by Royal Charter of Queen Victoria.



Access Major Canadian Legal Markets

Kingston is within a short three-hour drive of major metropolitan centres — Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal. The Norman Rogers Airport in Kingston also has daily flight connections to get you anywhere in the world. Our students have access to a variety of job prospects and opportunities for making connections in Canada's major legal hubs.



STUDENT SUPPORT

Queen's Law staff are here to support students and help facilitate their success in the JD program. We want students to enjoy their time at Queen's Law and encourage students to explore all the opportunities available, both academic and co-curricular, while pursuing your degree. There are many things students may do with the law degree and it is our job to assist students so that they are able to use their degree to pursue their dreams and launch a fulfilling career.



FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

Queen's University and the Faculty of Law are committed to the goal of ensuring a legal education remains financially affordable to qualified students.

Admission Scholarships

During each admission cycle, Queen's Law awards a variety of admission scholarships on the basis of academic merit to students entering first year of the JD program.

Admission Bursaries

Bursaries are non-repayable grants. Unlike scholarships, which are based solely on academic excellence, financial need is the primary consideration in the selection of bursary recipients.

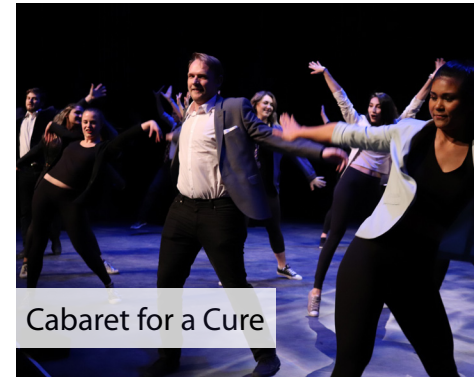
Queen's Work Study Program

Students with demonstrated financial need will receive priority for certain part-time jobs available on campus and for jobs with not-for-profit organizations.



OUR COMMUNITY

Queen's Law has a long history of philanthropic efforts, charitable events, and thriving clubs at the law school. New initiatives are launched every year to increase outreach and support to the greater community. Some events have developed into proud traditions, which new students take on with renewed excitement and creativity each year.



Cabaret for a Cure



Women in Law Club



Med-Law Games



Fall Classic



Lawlapalooza

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

DISCOVER LAW

We can help you...

- Explore all the possibilities your law degree will provide.
- Determine the legal pathway that is right for you and help you reach your career goals.
- Access an ever-changing job market with a wealth of opportunities for law school graduates.
- Position yourself for success upon graduation.



OUR SERVICES

Career Counselling

We offer unlimited one-on-one career counselling to assist you with your individual needs. Our professional staff uses career exploration tools to help you discover how your law degree will work for you.

On-line Resources

Through the Queen's Law Career Services Manager (CSM), you will have access to a number of on-line resources and timely information on upcoming workshops, networking opportunities, recruitment events and job postings.

Workshops

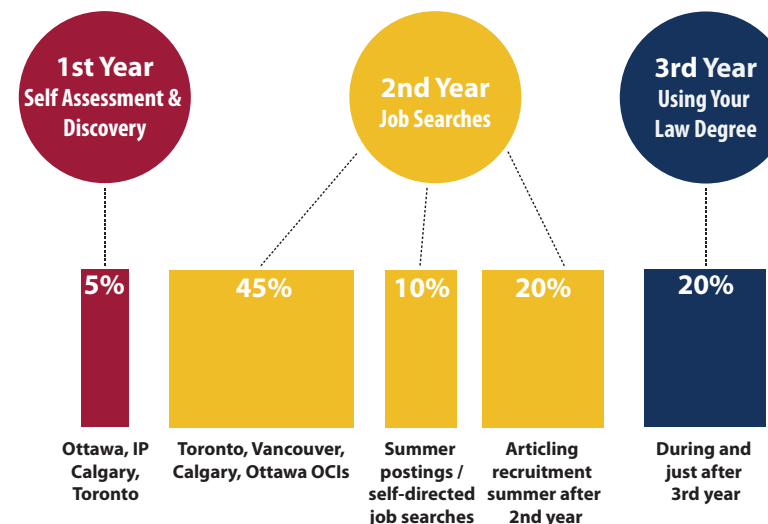
We provide programming on a range of topics to assist you with entering the workforce. Our workshops cover everything from resume and cover letters to interview preparation and networking skills.

Professional Networking

With one of the strongest alumni networks in Canada, we will provide you opportunities to build relationships with our graduates and explore career opportunities with a host of potential employers.

When do Queen's Law students find their articling positions?

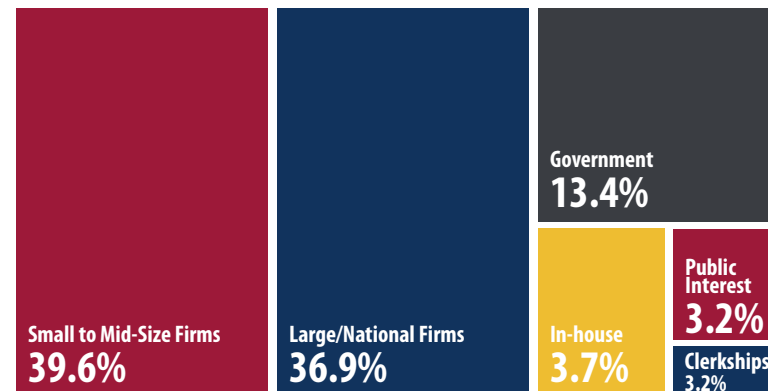
Most students have secured articles by graduation, and on average 75-85% of students have secured articles by the beginning of third year.



The Career Development Office (CDO) is a wonderful resource for Queen's Law students. They offer great resources that allow you to self-reflect on your interests, strengths and develop a better sense of what you want in a future job. The individual counselling sessions really helped me recognize how to put my best foot forward in documents and to understand my career options and next steps. I also used the CDO's tip sheets when working on my resume and cover letters while preparing for the upcoming recruitments.

- DAKOTA BUNDY, LAW '22

What types of employers do Queen's Law students complete their articling positions with?






INNOVATION IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

Queen's Law is a leader in innovative teaching of the 21st century law student. We are committed to providing engaging learning opportunities using the latest teaching tools and technology including:

- Multi-disciplinary learning opportunities bridging law and technology through the use of artificial intelligence
- Flipped classrooms with interactive videos and more time dedicated to deeper classroom discussions and student exploration of legal issues
- In house learning experts working with faculty to constantly improve the students' learning experience both inside and outside the classroom
- Blended and online course offerings, providing additional training and skill development in law and business



CONFLICT ANALYTICS

The Conflict Analytics Lab is a research-based consortium concerned with the application of data science and machine learning to dispute resolution. Conflict analytics is the process of extracting actionable knowledge from negotiation, mediation and settlement agreements (customer disputes, employment and commercial negotiation). The first of its kind, it comprises the largest global network of experts drawn from across industry and academia (Queen's, Cornell, NYU Stern, HEC Paris, Di Tella Buenos Aires, Court of Justice of the European Union, National Central Banks).



Law Learning Commons

With space for over 100 students and a half-dozen meeting and breakout rooms, the Learning Commons is reserved for the use of Queen's Law students. It combines conventional study tables and carrels with lounge-style areas, medium and large meeting rooms, and a dedicated zone for our graduate students.



JD PROGRAM (JD) PROGRAM

The Juris Doctor (JD) professional degree program provides the educational foundation to practice law in all common-law jurisdictions in Canada and around the world. Queen's JD graduates are eligible to register for American bar examinations in the states of New York and Massachusetts.

FIRST-YEAR JD PROGRAM

Our compulsory curriculum covers all the fundamental subjects, including instruction in legal research, legal writing and oral advocacy. Students complete courses in:

- Public Law
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law
- Contracts Law
- Property Law
- Torts
- Introduction to Legal Skills



Queen's Law faculty members are recognized as leading scholars across Canada and around the world. Governments, lawyers, organizations, and policy-makers regularly call on our professors for their legal expertise. Our faculty members' passion for research – whether it is for international trade, tax law, human rights law, insurance law, criminal law, or a variety of other stimulating legal topics – noticeably adds to an already rich learning experience. They capture students' imaginations with innovative teaching methods and truly enjoy mentoring and engaging students both inside and outside the classroom

-ART COCKFIELD, ASSOCIATE DEAN (ACADEMIC)

UPPER-YEAR JD PROGRAM

To enhance skills and perspectives developed in first-year, Queen's Law students fulfill the following upper-year degree requirements:

- Three compulsory courses: Civil Procedure, Business Associations, and Legal Ethics and Professionalism
- One course in Advocacy and one in Practice Skills
- Substantial term paper

Each student's individual program of study is rounded out with electives chosen from our rich curriculum. Full-time students normally take four or five courses in each of the four upper-year terms.

Curriculum

Queen's Law has world class faculty who are internationally recognized in a number of practice areas including criminal, family, labour, health, tax, and public law. More recently Queen's Law has increased its faculty expertise in business and international law.

Challenging courses in legal theory and substantive law are balanced with valuable opportunities for experiential learning and skills development through our superb clinical programs, scholarly law journals, courses in advocacy and practice skills and a rich program in mootings. Our curriculum encourages innovative teaching techniques by offering seminars, lectures, interactive technology and supervised projects to encourage participation, self-directed learning and legal skills development.

Sample of Upper-Year Courses

The breadth and depth of our curriculum is apparent from a listing of our upper-year courses by subject area

PROCEDURAL AND RESEARCH COURSES

Administrative Law
Advanced Legal Research
Civil Procedure
Conflict of Laws
Evidence
Intro to Civil Law
Legal Drafting
Legal Ethics & Professionalism
Legal Writing and Written Advocacy
Municipal Law

CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL LAW

Accounting & the Law
Advanced Corporate Law
Business Associations
Commercial Bankruptcy & Restructuring
Commercial Law
Competition Law
Contested Transactions
Copyright Law
Corporate Finance
Fiduciary Obligation
Franchise Law
Insurance Law
Patent Law
Pensions & The Law

Private Law Equity
Securities Regulation
Taxation
Trademarks & Unfair Competition

PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE LAW

Estate Litigation
Land Transactions
Trusts & Equity
Wills & Estates

SPECIAL INTEREST LAW

Aboriginal Law
Animal Law
Environmental Protection
First Nations Negotiations
Health Law
Law & Neuroscience
Law & Poverty
Mental Health Law
Mental Health & The Criminal Justice System
Mining Law & Policy
Public Health Law

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Advanced Constitutional
Comparative Constitutional
Equality Rights & The Charter
Human Rights
Immigration Law
Information Privacy
CRIMINAL LAW
Advanced Criminal Law
Criminal Procedure
Sentencing & Imprisonment

ADVOCACY AND NEGOTIATIONS

Advocacy on Motions
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Appellate Advocacy
Competitive Moot Court
Negotiations
Trial Advocacy

TORT LAW

Advanced Torts
Personal Injury Advocacy
Remedies

CLINICAL AND EXPERIENTIAL COURSES

Business Law Clinic
Canadian Labour & Employment Law
Journal
Clinical Externships
Clinical Litigation Practice
Elder Law Clinic
Family Law Clinic
Federal Government Internship
Feminist Legal Studies Workshop
Prison Law Clinic
Queen's Law Journal
Queen's Legal Aid

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

Advanced Labour Law
Collective Agreement & Arbitration
Employment Law
Labour: Individual Study
Labour Law
Occupational Safety, Health & Workers Compensation

FAMILY LAW

Children's Law
Family & Children's Law Placements
Family Law

INTERNATIONAL LAW

International Human Rights Law
International Refugee Law
International Taxation
International Trade Law
International Trade Law Clinical Practicum
International Trade Remedies
Public International Law

LEGAL THEORY

Jurisprudence
Legal & Political Philosophy
Legal Imagination
Racism & Canadian Legal Culture
State, Nation & Social Justice

Full listing of current courses can be found on our website at law.queensu.ca/academic-program



STUDENT EXPERIENCE

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Queen's Law offers a variety of curricular and co-curricular opportunities to enhance legal education. Queen's Law prides itself on its diversity of experiential learning opportunities.

Federal Government Internships

Queen's Law offers a series of internships in partnership with offices of the federal Department of Justice in Ottawa. Each term, upper-year students earn academic credit while gaining practical experience. After obtaining a security clearance and completion of the internship, students are eligible for preferential status in government hiring.

Advocacy and Competitive Mooting

At Queen's, training in advocacy is an integral part of our students' legal education. Our Moot Court Program is one of the largest at any Canadian law school. Each year, teams from Queen's Law compete in up to 20 mooting competitions in a wide range of legal areas, including:

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| Aboriginal law | International law |
| Client counselling | Labour arbitration |
| Commercial arbitration | Securities law |
| Constitutional law | Tax law |
| Criminal law | Trade law |
| Environmental law | Trial advocacy |
| Intellectual property | |

Law Journals

Queen's Law students play a central part in bringing out two fully refereed scholarly law reviews. Students who work on both journals receive hands-on training and experience in legal research and writing, in dealing with submissions from academics and scholarly practitioners, and in the planning and production of a major publication.

Queen's Law Journal (QLJ)

The QLJ is one of Canada's leading peer-reviewed legal publications, and is produced by a student editorial board under the direction of two faculty advisors. In 2015, Carswell published the QLJ-produced Canadian Guide to Legal Style: Canada's first and only definitive guide to grammar and style conventions in legal writing.

Canadian Labour and Employment Law Journal (CLELJ)

The CLELJ is Canada's only specialized labour and employment law journal. It is a collaborative publication of the Queen's Centre for Law in the Contemporary Workplace and Lancaster House, a Toronto labour law publisher. A team of student editors work on the CLELJ under the guidance of senior faculty editors.



Pro Bono Students Canada

The Queen's Law chapter of PASC attracts student volunteers seeking valuable practical experience in legal research and representation, while looking to gain exposure to unique areas of law. Students are supervised by practising lawyers and are asked to volunteer three hours per week during the academic year up to the end of March. Students can select from an impressive array of engaging community service projects.

Family and Children's Law Placements

The Family and Children's Law Placements course is offered each term, giving upper-year students invaluable insight and experience in the practice of family and children's law, and the roles and responsibilities of lawyers and other professionals in the legal system.

Clinical Externships

Upper-year students will earn academic credit each year while working for community legal aid clinics serving Kingston, Belleville, Hastings and Prince Edward Counties, Cobourg and Northumberland County.



INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAMS AT THE BADER INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE

Queen's Law prepares law students for today's international environment. Proof that we go the extra mile? We have our own Old English castle, complete with moat and peacocks. Only Queen's Law offers International Law Programs each May and June at the Bader International Study Centre at Herstmonceux Castle.

Students will study and live at the 15th-century Herstmonceux Castle estate in East Sussex, 100 km southeast of London, England, and are immersed in a unique cultural learning experience.

Students earn upper-year credits in an intensive and integrated academic program in International Business Law or Public International Law. Instructors and guest speakers, are key players in international law who bring practical experience to the classroom.

Completing one of the International Law Programs at the BISC can allow a student to complete the JD degree requirements in 2.5 years instead of the usual 3.



Programs and Field Studies

Students choose between International Business Law and Public International Law. Both programs are enriched by visits to international institutions in the UK and Europe, where students are briefed by senior legal advisors and officials.

International Business Law Program

Required courses:

- Introduction to Public International Law (Economic Focus)
- International Economic Law
- International Commercial Law

Typical field study destinations include:

- UK Department for International Trade (London)
- Mission of Canada to the European Union (Brussels)
- European Parliament (Brussels)
- Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (Paris)
- World Trade Organization and Canadian Delegation (Geneva)
- Advisory Centre on WTO Law (Geneva)
- International Trade Centre (Geneva)

Public International Law Program

Required courses:

- Introduction to Public International Law
- International Protection of Human Rights and Refugees
- The Law of Armed Conflict and International Crimes

Typical field study destinations include:

- Canadian High Commission (London)
- UN International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (The Hague)
- Special Tribunal for Lebanon (The Hague)
- Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (The Hague)
- International Criminal Court (The Hague)
- Canadian Mission to the United Nations (Geneva)
- Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (Geneva)



You can take these classes anywhere, but the real value I found was in having the opportunity to meet so many incredible people who work within the institutions we were learning about.

-LEE GARRETT, LAW'20

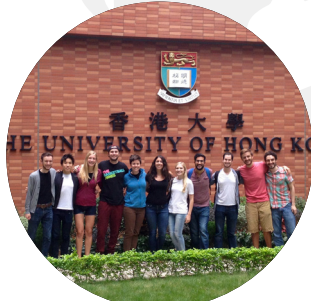
EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

Queen's Law continues to develop partnerships with leading law schools around the world, providing students with additional opportunities to gain international legal perspectives. Paying Queen's Law tuition fees, our students earn degree credits while studying at one of our exchange partner schools around the world!

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| Barcelona, Spain | Melbourne, Victoria | Sydney, Australia |
| Cape Town, South Africa | Perth, Australia | Tel Aviv, Israel |
| Glasgow, Scotland | Pokfulam, Hong Kong | Uppsala, Sweden |
| Groningen, Netherlands | Shanghai, China | Wellington, New Zealand |
| Istanbul, Turkey | Singapore, Singapore | Wiesbaden, Germany |
| Lyon, France | | |



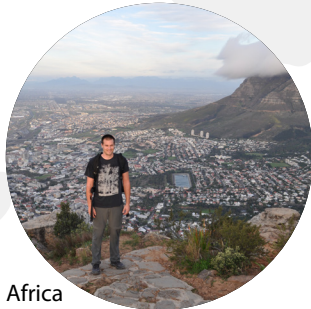
Netherlands



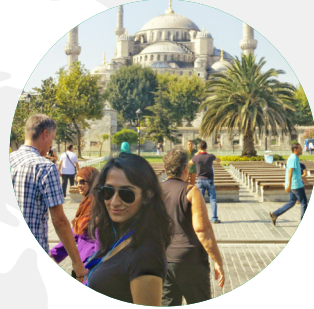
Hong Kong



Singapore



South Africa



Turkey



Hong Kong

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Queen's Law's nternship funding programs allow students to gain legal knowledge and skills by contributing to the public interest in Canada and abroad as summer interns. With financial support from the Torys Public Summer Internship Award Program, the Lenczner Slight LLP Advocacy Internship, and Queen's Law faculty and alumni funding, students can accept unpaid summer internships with not-for-profit and public-interest agencies.

Recent Internships Include:

International

- Al Otro Lado Border Rights Project, Tijuana, Mexico
- Canadian Embassy, Washington, DC
- Centre for Death Penalty Litigation, Durham NC
- East African Community Aursha, Tanzania
- Legal Assistance Centre, Windhoek, Namibia
- NGO Monitor, Jerusalem, Israel
- Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation
- Shurat HaDin-Israel Law Center
- UNAIDS, Geneva
- United Nations Mechanism for International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, The Hague, The Netherlands
- United Nations Relief and Works Agency, Jerusalem

Domestic

- Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted
- Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic, Toronto
- CAMH, Mental Health, Toronto
- Canadian Bar Association, Ottawa
- Canadian Lawyers Abroad/Lawyers without Borders
- Canadian Civil Liberties Association, Toronto
- Canadian Red Cross, Ottawa
- Centre for Law and Democracy, Halifax
- Global Affairs Canada, Ottawa
- Innocence Canada, Toronto
- Justice for Children and Youth, Toronto
- Pacific Centre for Environmental Law & Litigation
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Ottawa
- Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF)



My internship with Innocence Canada this summer has been one of the best work experiences of my life. In working on claims of wrongful conviction and on wrongful conviction education and reform, I learned legal skills, i.e., writing and editing legal documents, doing discovery, meeting clients, and making presentations, working with lawyers and legal educators; worked with wonderful people; and contributed to an important but often overlooked area of the criminal law. I am sure that the experiences I had and the relationships I made at Innocence Canada will serve me well as a lawyer. I couldn't recommend this or other internships more!

-TERSHA DE KONING, LAW'21

CLINICAL OPPORTUNITIES WITH



Queen's Law is proud to offer students a unique opportunity to learn. Our downtown clinical space merges five pro bono clinics: Queen's Legal Aid, Business Law, Elder Law, Family Law and Prison Law.

From helping local businesses develop to aiding the incarcerated, clinic students earn academic credit while getting hands-on exposure to some of the most dynamic aspects of the legal profession.



The oldest and largest of the Queen's clinic programs, Queen's Legal Aid (QLA) has been a vital part of the Faculty of Law's service to the community for decades. Working closely with Legal Aid Ontario, QLA provides a wide range of legal services to low-income area residents and students of both Queen's University and St. Lawrence College.

As part of the QLA team, students develop a wealth of experience relating to advocacy, interviewing and counselling, file management, legal ethics, legal research and writing, negotiation and settlement, office procedures, professional responsibility and solicitor/client relationships. They also assist clients in court or at a tribunal hearing.



Unique to Queen's, the Queen's Prison Law Clinic (QPLC) allows students to assist prisoners in one of six institutions with a number of legal issues. QPLC students provide legal advice, assistance and representation in matters relating to prison and parole in Kingston-area penitentiaries and Warkworth Institution.

They learn to manage the solicitor/client relationship, interview clients, conduct case-specific research, prepare examinations/cross-examinations of witnesses, draft legal submissions and represent clients at hearings. Student caseworkers draft grievances, provide legal opinions, represent clients at Disciplinary Court hearings or before the Parole Board of Canada, conduct meetings with inmate groups and conduct test case litigation.

1200+
FILES PER YEAR

200+
STUDENTS INVOLVED ANNUALLY

18 FULL-TIME DIRECTORS,
COUNSEL AND SUPPORT STAFF

\$2M
ANNUAL BUDGET



Queen's Law Clinics Business Law Clinic

At the Queen's Business Law Clinic (QBLC), students can explore the dynamic field of business law by providing legal assistance to start-ups, entrepreneurs, businesses and not-for-profit organizations in southeastern Ontario.

QBLC students draft and review legal documents such as leases and licenses, privacy policies and trademark registrations, and non-disclosure agreements and waivers. They also gain presentation experience by speaking to local business groups on any number of business law issues.



Queen's Law Clinics Elder Law Clinic

Students can explore a growing and socially relevant area of law at the Queen's Elder Law Clinic (QELC) – the first clinic of its kind in Canada. Clients are Kingston-area seniors who would otherwise have difficulty affording legal counsel.

QELC students work with these clients planning wills and powers of attorney, assisting them as they complete guardianship applications or certificates of appointment. In addition to serving clients with issues such as elder discrimination, abuse and neglect, students may also have opportunities to present seminars to community and professional groups on issues related to aging.



Queen's Law Clinics Family Law Clinic

At the Queen's Family Law Clinic (QFLC), students provide vital support to local residents as they navigate Ontario's sometimes challenging family court system. Student caseworkers learn about Family Court matters by providing services to clientele with low incomes. These services include helping litigants represent themselves in Family Court by completing their documents, helping them negotiate the Family Court process, or referring them to other family justice resources.

Throughout the year, students attend Family Court to facilitate client access to QFLC services, assisting LAO-funded duty and advice counsel in their provision of enhanced duty counsel services. Working on cases involving issues such as custody, access and child support, students help clients complete forms such as divorce applications, financial statements and affidavits.



As a student caseworker at Queen's Legal Aid, I was given the opportunity to represent clients at Small Claims Court, Provincial Offences and Criminal Court, as well as various tribunals. In addition to the invaluable experience I gained, I was able to give back to the Kingston community in a meaningful way.

-JORDON BOND, LAW'21



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