Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law is committed to teaching law within its wider social, political, historical and economic contexts. Our students are equipped with a foundation of knowledge and skills needed for the practice of law as well as for the many professional roles in which legal training is invaluable. Our program provides opportunities to explore a variety of specialities and to gain practical experience within a collegial learning environment that is progressive, intellectually challenging and personally enriching.
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General Information
The Faculty of Law offers a three-year program leading to the Juris Doctor (JD) degree. The faculty’s JD program qualifies students for articles and the practice of law in all provinces and territories except Quebec.

The faculty also offers the following programs:
- JD+MBA Double Degree Program
- JD+MPA Double Degree Program
- JD/BCL (Civil Law Degree Graduates)
- Concentration in Environmental Law and Sustainability

Please see “Law Co-operative Education Program”, page 232.
LIMITATION OF ENROLMENT
Applicants for admission to the Faculty of Law should be aware that the number of applicants who meet the minimum requirements for eligibility far exceeds the number of places available. Candidates who meet admission requirements are not guaranteed admission to the faculty.

Faculty Admissions
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
Information concerning admission is available from the Law Admissions Office or our website at <uvic.ca/law>. The online application form is available via the website.

The application period opens September 1 and ends January 15. However, applicants are strongly encouraged to submit applications as early as possible, as offers will be made beginning in September.

All admissions to the Faculty of Law are at the discretion of the Admissions Committee.

Admission inquiries should be addressed to the Law Admissions Office:

Faculty of Law
University of Victoria
PO Box 1700 STN CSC
Victoria BCV8W 2Y2
Phone: 250-721-8151
Fax: 250-721-6390
Email: lclerk2@uvic.ca
Web: <uvic.ca/law>

ADMISSION TO THE FIRST-YEAR PROGRAM
Regular Applicants
To be considered for admission to the Faculty of Law, Regular applicants must:
• submit a completed application; and
• submit a personal statement; and
• write the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) within the previous five years; and
• present proof of having received, with standing satisfactory to the Faculty of Law, a degree from the University of Victoria or an equivalent degree from a recognized college or university; or
• present proof of having completed, with standing satisfactory to the Faculty of Law, at least the first three years (45 units) of a program leading to a degree at the University of Victoria, or the equivalent at a recognized institution.

In addition, each applicant may be required to satisfy other requirements that may be prescribed from time to time.

Determination of Admissibility
Admission decisions are primarily determined by an applicant’s pre-law academic record and Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score. An applicant’s personal statement may also be considered.

Special Access Applicants
To qualify under the Special Access category you must be able to provide evidence that your academic achievements have been significantly delayed, interrupted or adversely affected by:
• a medical condition or disability (physical, sensory, learning, addiction, mental illness, or similar condition or disability); or
• family or similar responsibilities and the consequent need to attend to these responsibilities or to maintain employment; or
• cultural, economic or other factors.

Selection from qualified Special Access applicants will be made on the basis of the applicant’s:
• achievements in occupational endeavours, and community, public service and cultural activities that indicate an ability to succeed in law school;
• academic performance in any educational or training programs or courses;
• reference letters; and
• LSAT score.

An applicant who has not completed the minimum academic requirements for admission in the Regular category should demonstrate why it would be unreasonable to expect the applicant to complete the minimum academic requirements prior to entering law school.

Applicants who have less than three years of post-secondary education at the university or college level are very rarely admitted. Any such applicant must demonstrate the ability to perform at a level that meets the academic standards of the law school.

Aboriginal Applicants
The Faculty of Law desires that the number of First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples in the legal profession increase substantially and, accordingly, encourages inquiries and applications from Aboriginal people.

Applications from Canadian Aboriginal people will be considered on an individual basis, taking into account such factors as academic performance, results of the LSAT, employment history, letters of reference, and past, present and future connection with the Aboriginal community.

Applicants with less than three academic years of post-secondary education are rarely offered admission.

If an applicant’s academic background makes it appropriate, the Admissions Committee may make an offer of admission conditional upon successful completion of the Program of Legal Studies for Native People, conducted by the Native Law Centre at the University of Saskatchewan. The faculty fully endorses this program, and considerable weight is placed upon the evaluation submitted by its director. For more complete information concerning the Program of Legal Studies for Native People, please contact:

The Director
Program of Legal Studies for Native People
Native Law Centre
University of Saskatchewan
101 Diefenbaker Place
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Canada S7N 5B8
Phone: 306-966-6189
Email: native.law@usask.ca

Applicants must supply satisfactory evidence of their eligibility to apply in the Aboriginal category.

Applicants Whose First Language is Not English
Applicants whose first language is not English and who have not completed a minimum of three full academic years of post-secondary study that was taught and assessed in English, must write the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Applicants who have written the TOEFL iBT need a minimum score of 100, with no less than 25 on each of the individual components, whereas those who wrote the paper and pencil test need a score of 600 out of a possible 677. Students applying to the joint Common Law/Civil Law Degree Program are exempt from this requirement.
Part-Time Students

A limited number of positions in the faculty are available for part-time legal studies. Students must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the faculty that they are unable to attend on a full-time basis because of health reasons, physical disability or exceptional family or financial hardship.

Students must ensure that their part-time program conforms to the Law Society requirements in the province in which they wish to practice. Requests for part-time studies should be made in writing and submitted to the Law Admissions Office once an applicant has been admitted to the faculty.

Admission as an Upper-Level Student

Applications are considered from students in other Canadian law schools or with non-Canadian law degrees who wish to attend the Faculty of Law as upper-level students. The number of applicants accepted is determined each year by the number of available places in upper-year courses.

Applications for upper-level positions commencing in September should be submitted by April 30 (date subject to change.) Where appropriate, the faculty may consider applications for entry in January of the Winter Session or May of the Summer Session.

Transfer Student Applications

Applicants who wish to transfer to the Faculty of Law must complete a minimum of two years of legal education in the faculty in order to obtain a Juris Doctor (JD) degree from the University of Victoria. Applications must be accompanied by the following:

1. the applicant’s academic record from law school and all other post-secondary studies;
2. the applicant’s reasons for seeking to transfer to the Faculty of Law; and
3. LSAT score.

Applications will be considered if:

1. the applicant meets all of the eligibility requirements for admission to the first-year program of the Faculty of Law (including the LSAT); and
2. the law courses which have been completed by the applicant are compatible with the curriculum of the Faculty of Law.

Preference is given to students who are academically outstanding and who have the potential to make a unique contribution to the academic program of the Faculty of Law. While consideration is given to an applicant’s reasons for wanting to transfer, compassionate grounds for transferring will not compensate for less competitive law school grades. Students who have undertaken their previous legal education at a Canadian law school will be given preference over applicants whose previous legal training was undertaken outside Canada. Please note that applicants from non-Canadian law schools are rarely admitted under the transfer category.

Visiting Students

Applications from law students currently attending another university who wish to visit the faculty for one or two terms will be considered. A letter of permission from the student’s current law school is required prior to enrollment in UVic’s regular fall or spring terms as well as the summer session. If accepted, a visiting student’s course program must be approved by the Deans of both law schools or their designates.

Applicants with Canadian Civil Law Degrees

Please see section “JD for Civil Law Graduates” on page 232.

Applicants with Non-Canadian Law Degrees

The Faculty of Law will consider applicants who have credentials in law from universities outside Canada for Summer Session only. Such applicants should arrange to have their academic record evaluated by the National Committee on Accreditation before applying to the faculty. The National Committee is responsible for granting Certificates of Qualification, which are recognized by the various Canadian Law Societies for admission to the Bar. Decisions of the National Committee regarding requirements for the Certificate do not guarantee admission to the Faculty of Law. Admission to the faculty is competitive and subject to the availability of space. Normally the Law Faculty will only accept NCA applicants who have demonstrated competency in the core NCA subject areas that are equivalent to our first year curriculum. Information about the Certificate may be obtained by writing to:

National Committee on Accreditation

c/o Federation of Law Societies of Canada

World Exchange Plaza

45 O’Connor, Suite 1810

Ottawa ON, CanadaK1P 1A4

Email: nca@flsc.ca

Web: <www.flsc.ca/en/nca>

Registration Information

Completion of Registration

In addition to completing the requirements for admission (see “Faculty Admissions” page 226), all students are required to register at the times announced by the Faculty of Law. All new students will be informed of the procedures for registration. Course registration for first year is handled by the faculty administration. First-year students are required to attend the opening assembly in September when they will receive their course schedules and other information.

All Letters of Admission or Authorizations to Reregister that are not used to register in the term or session to which they apply have no further validity.

Registration in any course is not confirmed until:

1. all course prerequisites have been met;
2. the required registration procedures have been completed;
3. all required fees have been paid (see “Payment Due Dates”, page 58); and
4. classes in the course have begun and the student is in attendance.

The faculty reserves the right to cancel the registration in a course of any student who fails to attend that course within seven calendar days of the commencement of the term, or of any student who is not able to demonstrate that all course prerequisites have been met.

A student who for medical or compassionate reasons is unable to attend a course during the first seven calendar days of the term may apply to the Associate Dean Academic and Student Relations within that time to confirm registration in that course, and the Associate Dean may confirm the registration. The exceptions are LAW 106 and LAW 350 where, for pedagogical reasons, students must be in attendance for the entire course.

Student Responsibility

Students are responsible for ensuring that:

• their courses have been chosen in conformity with Calendar regulations;
• their registration is complete and accurate;
• there is no discrepancy between the program they are following and the approved program recorded in the Associate Dean’s Office of the Faculty of Law; and
• any changes to their mailing address, email address or telephone number are promptly updated on their student record through "My page".

Students may not attend courses in which they are not registered unless they obtain the express permission of the Associate Dean. Students may not register in a course for which they have previously received credit without the consent of the Associate Dean Academic and Student Relations.

A letter or email sent to a student’s address as currently on record in the Associate Dean’s Office of the Faculty of Law or on the student’s record in “My page” will be deemed adequate notification to the student for all matters concerning the University.

Registration For Both Terms in Winter Session

Students planning to undertake studies in both terms of the Winter Session must register by September for all courses they intend to take, including single-term courses beginning in January.

Changes in Registration

Courses may not be changed after the designated add/drop period at the start of each term without permission of the Associate Dean Academic and Student Relations. Failure to drop a course which a student does not intend to take will result in a failing grade.

Please refer to the information under ‘Fee Reductions’, page 58, for dropped courses.

Any student who after registration decides to drop all courses is withdrawing from the University and must notify the Associate Dean’s Office of the Faculty of Law in writing, which will in turn notify Undergraduate Records.

Temporary Withdrawal and Reregistration

Upon successful completion of first year, a student may, with the permission of the Associate Dean Academic and Student Relations, stop out of the JD program for a single period not exceeding two academic years, or on more than one occasion not exceeding a cumulative total of two years.

When a student stops out part way through an academic year or session, the regulations that are normally applicable to an academic year, including regulations for achieving standing in a year, will be applied to a program consisting of the term completed prior to stopping out and the next term that the student completed after re-enrolment.

When a student stops out after the completion of an academic year and the student re-enrolls in the second term of Winter Session, regulations that are normally applicable to an academic year, including regulations for achieving standing in a year, will be applied to a program consisting of the next two academic terms completed by the student.

In no case may a student retain partial credit for a full-year course that has not been fully completed.

Faculty Academic Regulations

In addition to the specific regulations stated below, students registered in the Faculty of Law are subject to the general academic regulations of the University.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the following regulations, the faculty shall exercise an equitable discretion in a particular case so as to achieve a fair and reasonable result.

Grading

Review of an Assigned Grade

Students are referred to the general University regulations (see "Undergraduate Academic Regulations", page 39) and to the regulations adopted by the Faculty of Law. The following specific regulations apply to students in the Faculty of Law:

1. Any request for a review of a final grade must normally reach the office of the Associate Dean Academic and Student Relations within 21 days after the release of grades by the Associate Dean’s Office.

2. Where a final grade is based wholly or in part on any written materials other than an examination paper, such materials will, for the purpose of these procedures, be treated as if they are examination papers.

Faculty of Law – Grading Scale

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<td>A+</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>90 – 100</td>
<td>An A+, A, or A- is earned by work which is technically superior, shows mastery of the subject matter, and in the case of an A+ offers original insight and/or goes beyond course expectations. Normally achieved by a minority of students.</td>
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<td>A</td>
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<td>B+</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>77 – 79</td>
<td>A B+, B, or B- is earned by work that indicates a good comprehension of the course material, a good command of the skills needed to work with the course material, and the student’s full engagement with the course requirements and activities. A B+ represents a more complex understanding and/or application of the course material. Normally achieved by the largest number of students.</td>
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<td>B</td>
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<td>C+</td>
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<td>65 – 69</td>
<td>A C+ or C is earned by work that indicates an adequate comprehension of the course material and the skills needed to work with the course material and that indicates the student has met the basic requirements for completing assigned work and/or participating in class activities.</td>
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<td>D</td>
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<td>A D is earned by work that indicates minimal command of the course materials and/or minimal participation in class activities that is worthy of course credit toward the degree.</td>
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<td>COM</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Complete (pass), Used only for 0-unit courses and those credit courses designated by the Senate. Such courses are identified in the course listings.</td>
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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JD

To be awarded a JD, students must successfully complete the 15.0 units in the compulsory first year curriculum and a minimum of 29.0 upper year units. They must achieve standing in each of the three years of the law program, and must achieve standing in the program.

To be granted standing in first, second or third year, a student must:
1. Pass all of the courses in the student’s approved program for the year without any N, F, or DEF grades in any course; and
2. Obtain a GPA of at least 3.00 in the courses not graded on a pass/fail basis.

Standing in the program will be granted when a student:
1. Achieves standing in each of the first, second and third years; and
2. Completes a research paper of not less than 7,500 words (exclusive of footnotes, endnotes, bibliography and appendices) on an approved subject with a grade of C+ or better during the second or third year. The requirement may be satisfied within an existing course or through directed research, upon approval of the supervising faculty member.
3. Students who commenced first year of the JD program in September 2009 or earlier must successfully complete the two upper level courses that were compulsory for students at that time: LAW 307 Civil Procedure, and LAW 309 The Law of Evidence.

Students who commence the JD program in September 2012 or later must successfully complete the compulsory upper-level courses: LAW 301 The Administrative Law Process, LAW 315 Business Associations, and LAW 360 Legal Ethics and Professionalism, or equivalent courses approved by the Associate Dean Academic and Student Relations in advance of students enrolling in the course as a means of satisfying the Federation of Law Societies of Canada’s requirements.

The graduating GPA for law students will be calculated on all courses taken in the JD degree, including non-law electives and supplementals, regardless of course level.

Part-time Students

In addition to satisfying the above requirements, part-time students in second year or third year must satisfy the following requirements at the end of each academic session. In order to proceed to the next academic session, a part-time student must pass all of the courses in the student’s approved program for the academic session and attain a grade point average of at least 3.00 in the courses for the academic session.

SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINATIONS

a) A full-time student who does not achieve standing as specified above, but attains a GPA of at least 2.00 will be permitted to write supplemental examinations in not more than two courses.

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**Supplemental Examinations**

a) A full-time student who does not achieve standing as specified above, but attains a GPA of at least 2.00 will be permitted to write supplemental examinations in not more than two courses.
b) For the purpose of determining a student’s eligibility to write supplemental examinations, a grade of COM in LAW 350: Clinical Law Term, or in any approved exchange term graded on a COM/F basis will be deemed to have a grade point value of 3.00.

c) Where a student enrolled in a clinical program or other course exclusively for a term (15 weeks) fails to meet the grade required to be granted standing, the matter will be referred to the faculty or a committee thereof. The faculty, after considering the recommendation of any committee to which the matter has been referred may confirm the failing grade or may permit the student to undertake any one or more of the following:
- supplemental examinations;
- the completion of such assignments, papers or tests as may be appropriate; and
- remedial work designated by the faculty.

d) Where, in the opinion of the faculty, the student’s conduct or lack of competence in the clinical program or course may adversely affect members of the public or personnel including students associated with the program or course, the faculty may prohibit the student from re-enrolling in the program or courses, or the faculty may require the student to withdraw from the faculty.

e) Supplemental examinations may not be written in courses in which a student has attained a grade of C+ or better.

f) Supplemental examinations for the year are normally written in July.

g) The grade point value for supplemental examinations will be determined in accordance with the “Faculty of Law – Grading Scale” (see page 228). The original sessional grade point average, original letter grade and a revised sessional grade point average, taking into account the supplemental examination results, will be recorded on a student’s transcript.

**SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS**

a) Subject to subsections (b) and (c), the faculty may authorize a student to write Special Examinations in order to achieve standing, where the faculty determines that a student’s ability to write or to complete an examination or other academic requirement has been affected by illness, family affliction or other special circumstances.

b) A request for a Special Examination under subsection (a) must be made in writing to the Associate Dean Academic and Student Relations within five days after the date on which the original examination was written or was to be written, or within five days after the date on which the other academic requirement was due, and the student must provide a physician’s report or other substantiating documentation as soon as possible.

c) For the purposes of providing evidence to the faculty as to the nature of the illness and the effect of that illness upon the student’s ability to complete an examination or other academic requirement, the physician’s medical report should be made on the form approved by the Faculty of Law for that purpose wherever possible. Where the form provided by the Faculty of Law is not used, the medical report should contain the kinds of information sought on that form.

d) Where a student has written an examination, a request for a Special Examination under (b) shall be confirmed or withdrawn by the student within 10 days after grades have been released by the Associate Dean’s Office. Where the request is not confirmed within that 10-day period, it will be deemed to have been withdrawn.

e) Special Examinations for the year are normally written in July.

f) Students will be advised in writing with respect to procedures to be followed in such cases.

g) The mark obtained on a Special Examination or other academic requirement written pursuant to this regulation will replace only the mark the student had or would have had on that component of the course.

**CREDIT FOR COURSES OUTSIDE THE FACULTY**

Students may, in their second and third years, take courses in other departments and schools in the University of Victoria for credit in the Faculty of Law. Students may not take Summer Session courses for credit unless they are enrolled full-time in the Law Faculty academic summer term, in which case faculty regulations respecting approval and unit limit for those courses will apply as if the course were taken in a fall or winter term of the JD Program.

Students may take up to 3 units of such courses over the two academic years.

Students must obtain the approval of the Associate Dean Academic and Student Relations and the outside instructor in advance of registration for any such course. The approval of the Associate Dean is based upon criteria set out in faculty regulations.

Students enrolled in the JD+MPA Double Degree program may take an additional 3 units of ADMN 598 or ADMN 599 in lieu of 3 units of LAW 399. Please refer to “JD+MPA Double Degree Program” (page 231), for more information.

Students enrolled in the JD+MBA Double Degree program may take an additional 3 units of MBA 598 or MBA 596 in lieu of 3 units of LAW 399. Please refer to “JD + MBA Double Degree Program” (page 231), for more information.

**REPETITION OF A YEAR**

A student who fails to achieve standing in any year may apply to the faculty, through the Associate Dean Academic and Student Relations, for permission to repeat the year.

**PART-TIME STUDENTS**

A student who is admitted as a part-time student may not become a full-time student until the student has achieved standing in first year.

In order to continue as a part-time student after achieving standing in first year, a student must demonstrate to the faculty at the beginning of each academic session that he or she continues to be unable to attend on a full-time basis because of health reasons or physical disability, or exceptional family or financial hardship.

A student who achieved standing in first year as a full-time student may apply to continue his or her studies as a part-time student. The faculty may allow a limited number of these students to enrol as part-time students upon being satisfied that a student is unable to continue as a full-time student because of health reasons, physical disability, family or financial hardship.

**REGULATIONS CONCERNING STUDENT CONDUCT AND COMPETENCE IN CLINICAL PROGRAMS**

For the purposes of these regulations, clinical programs include:
- LAW 349 Business Law Clinic
- LAW 350 Law Centre Clinical Program
- LAW 353 Environmental Law Centre Clinic
- LAW 386A Environmental Law Centre Clinic Intensive: Legal Skills & Sustainability
- LAW 386B Environmental Law Centre Clinic Intensive: Problem Solving

Where, during the course of a term, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the conduct or lack of competence of a student enrolled in a clinical program has adversely affected or may adversely affect:
- clients of the program;
- personnel, including students, associated with the program; or
- the program’s relationship with the judiciary, members of the bar or other persons involved with or affected by the activities of the program;
The Director of that program may restrict the activities of the student as he or she deems advisable, and the Dean, upon the request of the Director, may require the student to withdraw temporarily from the program pending the receipt of a report on the conduct or lack of competence of the student.

After giving the student an opportunity to be heard, the faculty may reinstate a student who has been obliged to withdraw temporarily from a program or require the student to withdraw permanently from the program if the faculty is satisfied that the student’s conduct or lack of competence may affect members of any of the groups identified in the preceding paragraph.

Where the faculty requires a student to withdraw from a clinical program, a grade of N will be entered on the student’s academic record and transcript.

Law Program Requirements

First Year Program

All courses in the first-year program are compulsory. Full-time students must enrol in all courses in the first-year program.

In the first academic year of attendance, part-time students must enrol in courses amounting to not fewer than 7 units of courses including:

- LAW 104 (1.5) Law, Legislation and Policy
- LAW 106 (1.0) The Legal Process
- LAW 110 (1.5) Legal Research and Writing

Part-time students must complete the remainder of the compulsory first-year program in the second academic year of attendance.

Second- and Third-Year Programs

The Faculty of Law may designate courses as compulsory, prerequisite or recommended courses.

In each of the second and third years of the program, a student will enrol in a course program which has been approved by the Dean or the Dean’s nominee.

- An approved program for a full-time student is one in which a student is enrolled in courses totalling not fewer than 14.5 units and not more than 16.5 units over the academic session (that is, during the 30-week period).

- An approved program for a part-time student is one in which a student is enrolled in courses totalling not fewer than 7 units and not more than 14.5 units, over the academic session (that is, during the 30-week period).

Without the permission of the Dean or the Dean’s nominee, a full-time student may not carry fewer than 7 units or more than 8.5 units in one term per session (that is, during the 15-week period). Without the permission of the Dean or the Dean’s nominee, a part-time student may not carry fewer than 3 units or more than 7 units in one term per session (that is, during the 15-week period).

In order to complete the program requirements, a student must enrol in approved programs for the second and third years which amount to a total of not fewer than 29 units.

JD + MBA Double Degree Program

Students who apply and are accepted into both the Law Faculty JD and Business Faculty MBA programs may earn both degrees concurrently with modified requirements for each. The two degrees normally require five years of study, whereas double degrees may be completed in four years. For information on the MBA program requirements, please see the UVic Graduate Calendar.

To complete the JD portion of the program, a student must complete the entire first-year law curriculum. The first year of the program will devoted entirely to the first-year law courses. After that, the JD portion of the program requires a student to complete 29 units of law upper year courses, or law-approved courses as follows:

- 6 Units of MBA courses (MBA Foundation Courses - 3 units; and MBA 596 or MBA 598 – 3 units) in lieu of Law Faculty’s 3-unit non-law course option in other faculties and LAW 399 Supervised Research and Writing – 3 units). See the UVic MBA Calendar for details

- 23 Units Law Upper Year Courses including:
  - All Compulsory JD Courses, including the major paper requirement
  - LAW 315 Business Associations
  - LAW 345 Taxation
  - Plus 3 of the following courses:
    - LAW 312 Debtor and Creditor Relations
    - LAW 313 Securities Regulation
    - LAW 314 Commercial and Consumer Law
    - LAW 316 Secured Transactions and Negotiable Instruments
    - LAW 317 Real Property Transactions
    - LAW 326A The Individual Employment Relationship
    - LAW 326B Labour Law
    - LAW 346A Advanced Taxation: Corporations
    - LAW 346B Advanced Taxation: International Taxation
    - LAW 347 Intellectual Property
    - LAW 349 Business Law Clinic (once)
    - LAW 332 International Trade Law
    - Other courses with approval of the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations

Students enrolled in the JD+MBA double degree program are not eligible to enrol in the Law Co-op Program. Students admitted to the Law Co-op Program during first year law and subsequently enrol in the JD+MBA double degree program shall withdraw from the Law Co-op Program. Students enrolled in the JD+MBA double degree program will be required to complete any mandatory work-terms as specified by the Faculty of Business. Students enrolled in the JD+MBA double degree program are subject to the Law Faculty regulations (modified where necessary) in regard to their JD course requirements. Grade point averages for the purposes of awarding Law Faculty prizes and scholarships will be calculated only on Faculty of Law courses.

Students enrolled in the JD+MBA double degree program must submit two formal applications for graduation when registering in their final Summer or Winter session. Graduation application forms are available on “My Page”. Application deadlines are July 15 for the October graduation (November convocation) and December 15 for the May graduation (June convocation). Both degrees must be conferred at the same Senate meeting, and be awarded at the same convocation.

JD+MPA Double Degree Program

Students who apply and are accepted into both the Law Faculty JD and School of Public Administration MPA programs may earn both degrees concurrently with modified requirements for each. For information on the MPA requirements, please see the UVic Graduate Calendar.

The two degrees normally require five years of study, whereas the concurrent degrees may be completed in four years.

- The first year of the program will be devoted entirely to the first-year Law curriculum.
- The second year of the program will be devoted to completion of Term 1 of the MPA program and subsequently a combination of Law
Students in the program must complete, after first-year Law, 29 units of Law or Law-approved courses, including the following:

- 3 units of Public Administration courses in lieu of the Law Faculty’s 3-unit non-Law course option in other faculties; and
- ADMN 598 or ADMN 599 in lieu of 3 units of LAW 399 Supervised Research and Writing.

Students enrolled in the JD+MPA Double Degree program are subject to the Law Faculty regulations (modified where necessary) in regard to their JD course requirements. Grade point averages for the purposes of awarding Law Faculty prizes and scholarships will be calculated only on Faculty of Law courses.

Students enrolled in the JD+MPA double degree program will not be eligible to enrol in the Law Co-op Program. Students admitted to the Law Co-op Program during first year law who subsequently enrol in the JD+MPA double degree program shall withdraw from the Law Co-op Program. Students enrolled in the JD+MPA double degree program will be required to complete any mandatory work-terms as specified by the School of Public Administration.

Students enrolled in the JD+MPA double degree program must submit two formal applications for graduation when registering in their final Summer or Winter session. Graduation application forms are available on ‘My Page’. Application deadlines are July 15 for the October graduation (November convocation) and December 15 for the May graduation (June convocation). Both degrees must be conferred at the same Senate (November convocation) and December 15 for the May graduation (June convocation), and Public Administration courses (normally for a total of 7.5 to 8.5 units of courses per term).

- The remainder of the program will be devoted to the completion of all other Law and Public Administration course requirements.

Students in the program must complete the following:

- Students accepted into the Concentration must fulfill requirements of the Concentration and also requirements of the JD Program. Students must obtain a grade of C+ or better in all required and elective courses for the Concentration. Students who successfully complete the Concentration requirements will receive a notation on their transcripts.

**JD FOR CIVIL LAW GRADUATES**

The Faculty of Law at the University of Victoria offers a program under which a limited number of Civil Law graduates from Quebec and Ontario may, through subsequent studies, be awarded the JD degree.

Applicants for this program must commence their studies at the University of Victoria within two years of completing their Civil Law degree. Students will be admitted at the discretion of the Admissions Committee. The following are the academic requirements:

- A student who has completed the requirements of a Civil Law degree at a Canadian law school may obtain a JD from the University of Victoria by successfully completing an aggregate total of 22.5 units of courses at the University of Victoria Faculty of Law.

- Students in the program must complete, or establish that they have taken the equivalent as part of their Civil Law degree, the following courses:
  - Contracts;
  - Property;
  - Torts;
  - The Criminal Law Process;
  - The Constitutional Law Process; and
  - Law Legislation and Policy.

- Students in the program must complete the faculty’s major research paper requirement.

- Students in the program must not take courses towards their JD that substantially duplicate courses that they have taken towards their Civil Law degree.

- Students in the program may not (as part of their program) take courses at the University of Victoria outside the Faculty of Law and are not eligible for exchange terms outside the faculty.

- Students in the program must otherwise comply with all of the University of Victoria academic regulations and requirements (mutatis mutandis).

**CONCENTRATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND SUSTAINABILITY**

The Concentration provides students opportunity to take more courses in environmental law and sustainability.

**Admission Requirements and Procedures**

The Concentration is open to all UVic JD students who have obtained an average of C+ or better in their previous year of legal studies. Students must apply for admission to the Concentration. See the Associate Dean’s website for details.

**Concentration Requirements**

Students accepted into the Concentration must fulfill requirements of the Concentration and also requirements of the JD Program. Students must obtain a grade of C+ or better in all required and elective courses for the Concentration. Students who successfully complete the Concentration requirements will receive a notation on their transcripts.

**Required Courses**

- LAW 301 (2.0) The Administrative Law Process
- LAW 309 (2.0) The Law of Evidence
- LAW 329 (1.5) Environmental Law
- LAW 353 (1.0-2.0) Environmental Law Centre Clinic

**Elective Courses**

Students must complete at least 4 of the following courses:

- LAW 328 (1.5) Green Legal Theory (cross-listed with ES 419)
- LAW 331 (1.0 or 1.5) International Ocean Law
- LAW 340 (1.5) Indigenous Lands, Rights and Governance
- LAW 354 (1.5) Forest Law and Policy
- LAW 376 (1.5) International Environmental Law
- LAW 381 (1.5) Animals, Culture and the Law
- LAW 383 (1.5) Municipal Law and Sustainability
- LAW 384 (1.5) Field Course in Environmental Law and Sustainability (cross-listed with ES 403)
- LAW 386A (2.0) Environmental Law Centre Clinic Intensive: Legal Skills & Sustainability
- LAW 386B (2.0) Environmental Law Centre Clinic Intensive: Problem Solving

Other elective courses approved in writing by the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations, in advance of students enrolling in the course.

**Law Co-operative Education Program**

The University regulations with respect to Co-operative Education Programs (see “General Regulations: Undergraduate Co-op”, page 61) are applicable to the Faculty of Law Co-op Program except to the extent that they are modified by regulations adopted by the Faculty of Law, and approved by the Senate.
Admission to the Law Co-op Program

Students who are currently registered in first-year Law at the University of Victoria are eligible for admission to the Law Co-op Program.

Transfer students who have received advance standing credit at the University of Victoria for first year law may be eligible to enroll in Law Co-op and should contact the Law Co-op Coordinator for additional information.

Program Requirements

Unless permission has been granted by the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations, and the Law Co-op Coordinator, students who have not met the Faculty requirements for standing will not be eligible to participate in the next scheduled Co-op work term. First year December examinations may be considered when determining student eligibility to compete for a summer work term.

Unless permission has been granted by the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations, and the Law Co-op Coordinator, students with outstanding supplemental exams, special exams, or deferred assignments will not be eligible to participate in the next scheduled Co-op work term.

A student who enrolls in the Law Co-op Program must satisfactorily complete a minimum of two Co-op work terms in order to receive a Co-op designation on their transcript.

Co-op work terms shall normally alternate with academic terms. First-year students who have met the Faculty requirements for standing will be eligible to compete for a work term for the summer following completion of the first year of law school. With the permission of the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations and the Law Co-op Coordinator, a student may be permitted to enroll in a maximum of two consecutive Co-op work terms or two consecutive academic terms.

With the permission of the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations and the Law Co-op Coordinator, a student who has completed all degree requirements but who has not yet convocated may be permitted to enroll in a Law Co-op work term. A student who engages in such a work term is not eligible to convocate until after the work term has been completed.

Students may not obtain credit for any of their Co-op work terms on the basis of work experience obtained prior to their enrollment in the Law Faculty.

The performance of students registered in a Law Co-op work term shall be graded on the basis of COM, N/X or F/X.

The requirements for a pass grade in a Co-op work term include:

a) completion of at least 12 weeks of full-time employment. Normally, the expected number of weeks per work term is 15 and the expected number of hours per week is 35. The minimum number of weeks per work term is 12 and the minimum number of hours per week is 35;

b) a satisfactory evaluation of the student’s performance in the Co-op work term by the Law Co-op Coordinator; and

c) submission by the student of a satisfactory Co-op work term report.

A student who does not fulfill these requirements shall be given an F/X or N/X grade unless a COM grade has otherwise been approved by the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations, and the Law Co-op Coordinator.

Students who fail a work term will normally be required to withdraw from the Law Co-op Program.

Regulations Concerning Student Conduct and Competence on Co-op Work Terms

Where there are reasonable grounds to believe that the conduct or lack of competence of a law student enrolled in the Law Co-op Program has adversely affected or may adversely affect the interests of an employer or the Law Co-op Program, the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations or Law Co-op Coordinator may require a student to withdraw temporarily from a work term or from the Law Co-op Program pending the receipt of a report on the conduct or lack of competence of the student.

Where the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations or the Law Co-op Coordinator has required a student to temporarily withdraw and has not reinstated the student within a reasonable period of time, the faculty members of the Co-op Committee, after giving the student an opportunity to be heard, shall consider whether the temporary withdrawal should be lifted or made permanent.

The faculty members of the Co-op Committee may reinstate the student or, if they are satisfied that the student’s conduct or lack of competence has adversely affected or may adversely affect the interests of an employer or the Law Co-op Program, they may require the student to withdraw permanently from a work term or from the Law Co-op Program.

Where a student is required to withdraw from a Law Co-op work term, a grade of F/X or N/X shall be entered on the student’s academic record and transcript.

Voluntary Withdrawals from Law Co-op During a Co-op Work Term

Where a student is registered in a Law Co-op work term and the student has commenced employment with an employer, the student will only be permitted to withdraw from the work term with the consent of the Law Co-op Coordinator. Withdrawal from such a work term without the Law Co-op Coordinator’s consent will result in a failed grade and may result in the student being required to permanently withdraw from the Law Co-op Program. If the Law Co-op Coordinator consents to the withdrawal, the registration in that work term shall appear as a Withdraw No Fault (WNF) on the transcript. If the cause of the withdrawal is not attributable to the student, the Coordinator may recommend refund to the student of the fee for that Co-op work term.

Appeals

Students with concerns related to the Law Co-op Program or requests for authorization to change their program shall first consult with the Law Co-op Coordinator.

If a student is not satisfied with a decision of the Law Co-op Coordinator, the student may appeal the decision in writing to the faculty members of the Co-op Committee. The faculty members of the Co-op Committee shall consider appeals from students. The faculty members shall request written submissions from the student and the Coordinator and may invite the student and the Coordinator to make oral submissions to the Committee. The Committee shall communicate their decision in writing to the student and the Coordinator in a timely fashion.

If the student or the Law Co-op Coordinator is not satisfied with the decision of the faculty members of the Law Co-op Committee, the student or the Coordinator may appeal the decision of the Committee to the Executive Director, Co-operative Education Program and Career Services.

If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the Executive Director, Co-operative Education Program and Career Services, the student may appeal to the Senate Standing Committee on Appeals where the matter under appeal falls within that Committee’s jurisdiction. This appeal process is governed by the regulations outlined in “Appeals to the Senate” on page 57. Decisions of the Senate Committee on Appeals are final and may not be appealed to the Senate.