



# LAW



UNIVERSITY OF  
SASKATCHEWAN

# INTERESTED IN LAW?



Established in 1912, the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan is the oldest law school in Western Canada, exemplifying a tradition of excellence in teaching, research and innovation.

With a strong history in Indigenous legal education, developing strength in dispute resolution and access to justice, and leading and emerging scholars in the fields of constitutional law, health law, criminal law and commercial law, the college also offers a highly regarded mootting program, joint degree programs and global exchange opportunities.

## **Why law at USask?**

This nationally recognized law school boasts state-of-the-art teaching and learning facilities that create an extraordinary educational experience. Take your program from world-class faculty who design and deliver innovative courses, preparing you for the exceptional opportunities of the future.

As an alumnus of the College of Law, you will be part of a lifelong community of graduates who have gone on to become, among other things, accomplished academics, learned members of the legal profession across the country, diplomats and political leaders. College of Law alumni have held the positions of prime minister of Canada, governor general of Canada and premiers of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Study at one of Canada's premier law schools, and become one of approximately 120 graduates to join our alumni family each year.





# Distinguished alumni

- **Roger Carter**, founder and first director, Native Law Centre
- **Deborah Chatsis**, first female First Nations Ambassador of Canada, first to Vietnam, then to Guatemala and Belize
- **John G. Diefenbaker**, Canada's 13th Prime Minister
- **Willard Zebedee Estey**, Supreme Court of Canada Justice
- **Emmett Hall**, Supreme Court of Canada Justice, one of founders of Canadian Medicare
- **Ramon (Ray) John Hnatyshyn**, 24th Governor General of Canada
- **William R. McIntyre**, Supreme Court of Canada Justice
- **Roy Romanow**, 12th Premier of Saskatchewan
- **Tillie Taylor**, Saskatchewan's first female magistrate, and first chairperson of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission
- **William I.C. Wuttunee**, first Indigenous lawyer to be called to the bar in Western Canada
- **Deborah Fry**, first female Chief Justice of Newfoundland and Labrador

# YOUR CAREER OPTIONS

A Juris Doctor (J.D.) can take you almost anywhere. Of course, there is the traditional route of joining a legal practice, but in today's diverse and fast-paced job market, there are a multitude of less conventional options available to you as well.

## Practise law in:



- Private law firms
- Government (federal, provincial or municipal)
- Legal aid clinics
- Corporations

## Pursue other roles in:



- Government and politics
- Policy advising
- International relations



- Business
- Entrepreneurship
- Real estate
- Accounting



- Mediation and arbitration
- Counselling
- Law enforcement
- Consulting



- Education
- Journalism
- Legal publishing and research
- Communications



A photograph of three young adults, two women and one man, walking and smiling under a wooden pergola structure. The man in the center is wearing a dark blue V-neck shirt and has a backpack. The woman on the left is wearing a floral dress and a cardigan. The woman on the right is wearing a blue patterned top and has a backpack. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with wooden beams.

# Career support

The career development office provides a variety of services and hosts a myriad of events to ensure you find the career that is right for you.

- **On-campus interviews**

The career development office coordinates interviews of our law students with some out-of-province firms during On-Campus Interviews (OCIs) each year in Saskatoon. These interviews are specifically for recruiting law students for first-year and second-year summer positions.

- **Professional development seminars**

Enhance your professional skills and get help with your career planning at one of several seminars organized by the career office throughout the year.

# OUR PROGRAMS



## JURIS DOCTOR

Our Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree program provides the opportunity to pursue your legal education in a collegial and student-centered environment.

The usual course of study in our college is three full-time years of 30 credit units each. However, the College of Law together with the University of Saskatchewan offer unique program options for students who are interested in following a less-traditional course of study or who require additional flexibility in their academic pursuits.

## MASTER OF LAWS

The Master of Laws (LL.M.) program is offered through the College of Law by the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies at the University of Saskatchewan. The LL.M. program is thesis-based and extends for approximately 12-16 months. It is a full-time residence program offering supervision in a wide range of areas, including Indigenous, commercial, constitutional, criminal and human rights law.

## COMBINED DEGREES

The University of Saskatchewan offers a number of options for a combined J.D. degree, where the J.D. program is taken as the second part of the combined degree.

- **Bachelor of Arts/Juris Doctor**
- **Bachelor of Business Administration (University of Regina)/Juris Doctor**
- **Bachelor of Commerce/Juris Doctor**
- **Bachelor of Science/Juris Doctor**
- **Juris Doctor/Masters of Business Administration**

The benefit of pursuing a combined J.D. degree is that both programs can be completed in less time than it would take to earn each degree separately.

Students choosing to complete a combined J.D. degree are not guaranteed a place in the College of Law, however. When they become eligible to enter the college, they will compete for placement with all other applicants.



## CREATE Justice

CREATE Justice is a centre that is home to research, information, and data related to access to justice. CREATE Justice makes data more readily available for informed and credible research; centralizes information and projects to better streamline efforts and communication between researchers; and encourages research, evaluation, and action at and beyond the University of Saskatchewan.

Website: [law.usask.ca/createjustice](http://law.usask.ca/createjustice)



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Centre for Research, Evaluation,  
and Action Towards Equal Justice

Access to Legal Services - Dispute Resolution - Systemic Justice

## Indigenous Law Centre

The Indigenous Law Centre (formerly the Native Law Centre) at the University of Saskatchewan aims to facilitate access to legal education for Indigenous peoples; to promote the development of the law and the legal system in Canada in ways which better accommodate the advancement of Indigenous peoples; and to disseminate information concerning Indigenous peoples and the law.

Website: [indigenouslaw.usask.ca](http://indigenouslaw.usask.ca)



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# YOUR USASK EXPERIENCE



USask offers an exceptional range of programs and courses offering direct legal skills training combined with the opportunity to put learning into practice.

## **Certificate in French Common Law**

This certificate program gives incoming students with competencies in French the unique opportunity to obtain a Certificate in French Common Law from the University of Ottawa during the completion of their JD degree.

## **Exchange programs**

Study at some of the top law schools in the world in Belgium, the Czech Republic, Finland, Norway, Sweden, or the United Kingdom. In recent years, our students have also gone to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Hungary. Studying law abroad allows you to learn about other legal systems and to gain international experience. It is also an extraordinary opportunity to broaden your personal and professional perspectives.

## **CLASSIC**

The college collaborates closely with CLASSIC (Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner City Inc.), a community based legal clinic that provides free legal assistance to low-income clients. CLASSIC gives you a chance to gain practical experience while providing you with new insights into the social reality of law.

## **Access to Justice**

The college offers a three-credit seminar class called Access to Justice. Students enrolled in this course have the opportunity to observe and interact with lawyers during a placement at one of many participating courts and tribunals in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

## **Saskatchewan Law Review**

The Saskatchewan Law Review is a journal published at the College of Law and provides a range of opportunities for legal scholars and experts interested in publishing their work. As a student, you can submit work for review or serve on the editorial board.

## **Rural trips**

Each year, law students have the opportunity to learn about practising law in smaller communities and rural areas through firm tours and meetings with legal practitioners.

## **McKercher LLP Lecture Series**

The McKercher LLP Lecture Series brings leading scholars, business leaders and legal experts to the college to explore a wide range of topics, stimulate debate and enrich understanding. High profile speakers engage with the student body and the public.





# Mooting

Our Mooting program is highly regarded. As a part of the first-year curriculum, you will participate in an intensive dispute-resolution program, which allows you to research and present your position before a panel of judges. Our upper-year moot teams have achieved a high degree of success at national and international moot competitions including championship wins at the 2019 Willms and Shier Environmental Moot and the 2020 Donald G.H. Bowman Tax Moot.

# READY TO APPLY?



Approximately 126 students are accepted into the College of Law's first-year program at the University of Saskatchewan each academic year. However, the number of applications we receive greatly exceeds the number of places available.

Admission to the College of Law is at the discretion of the college's Admissions Committee, and is determined based on merit, taking into account your academic record, your Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score, and any special circumstances the committee deems relevant.

Past experience indicates that, as a general rule, successful applicants have an average of 79-80% and higher (approximately a B+ or grade point average of 3.7 or better on a 4.3 scale) in pre-law studies, and score 159 or higher on the LSAT.

## **Admission qualifications**

The minimum requirement to enter our J.D. program is two full years (60 credit units) of academic work at a recognized university, or equivalent. There are no recommended pre-law programs or classes.

Applicants must also submit a Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) score and a personal statement (maximum of 500 words).

## **Scholarships**

The College of Law offers various student awards and funding including a number of entrance and upper-year scholarships, course prizes and graduate student scholarships. Financial assistance for qualified students is also available in the form of bursaries.

All entering law students are automatically considered for most entrance scholarships upon acceptance.



# First class amenities

The Law Building expansion in 2008 was the first project at USask to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards and allows for 57 per cent lower use of overall energy.

The Dentons Canada LLP Student Lounge was built as part of the Law Building expansion to provide our students with a wide-open area for networking, receptions and the occasional game of foosball.

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