

Admissions

To be considered for admission, you must meet the following requirements:

- An LLB or JD degree with an overall B average (or equivalent). Applicants with less than a B average in the LLB or JD will be considered provided they also have 5 years or more of relevant practice experience.

Candidates without an LLB or JD degree will also be considered provided they have a university degree, a superior academic record and significant work experience related to the specialization for which they have applied. Graduate degree preferred.

Please note these are minimum requirements and do not guarantee admission to any of the programs.

- Proof of language proficiency for applicants who do not meet one of the following criteria:
 1. their first language is English; OR
 2. they have completed at least two years of full-time study at an accredited university in a country (or institution) where English is the only official language of instruction.

To fulfill the language proficiency requirement, applicants can sit for one of the following tests: TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or the YELT (York English Language Test). Applicants relying on TOEFL must sit the test that includes the TWE (Test of Written English) component; for TOEFL, the minimum acceptable score is 600 (paper-based) or 250 (computer-based), iBT 100, as well as 5 on the TWE component. Applicants relying on the YELT must score in Band 1. Applicants must arrange to write one of these tests on their own. Visit www.osgoodepd.ca for details on how to get more information about these individual tests.

Note: All those admitted to the LLM who do not have an LLB/JD and those who have an LLB/JD from outside Canada will be conditionally admitted based on completion of the one-week intensive course *Introduction to Canadian Graduate Legal Studies*.

Distance Learning

Whether you're in Vancouver, Rome, Melbourne or anywhere in between, a Professional LLM degree is within your reach.

Two-way desk-top videoconferencing

OPD offers LLM students outside Toronto an opportunity to take certain LLM courses via videoconferencing! Our cutting-edge technology uses two-way communication over the internet that allows you to interact with other students by participating in discussions, asking questions and even seeing electronic presentations as easily as if you were in our downtown Toronto classroom. A videoconferencing option is available for all Professional LLM programs except the LLM in Alternative Dispute Resolution. Visit www.osgoodepd.ca to learn more.

Attendance in Toronto

Some courses are offered on an intensive basis rather than a weekly basis. Distance students are required to attend certain courses in Toronto.

Financial Assistance

The Professor Marilyn L. Pilkington Award

Professor Marilyn L. Pilkington, Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School from 1993-1998, and founder of Osgoode Professional Development, has endowed an award to assist a graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School to pursue studies in the Professional LLM program. The award will be given annually to a Canadian citizen/permanent resident, resident of Ontario, on the basis of academic achievement and financial need. Preference will be given to a graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School.

Application Instructions →

Osgoode Hall Law School Faculty of Graduate Studies **Application Instructions**

Candidates for the Professional Master of Laws at *Osgoode Professional Development* are requested to (1) complete York University's Graduate Studies [online application](#), and (2) submit the required Additional Documents:

- (a) Official Transcripts and Official language proficiency results in hard copy to:
York University, Office of Admissions (Graduate), 4700 Keele St, Toronto, ON M3J 1P3 Canada.
- (b) Recommendation forms must be sent to *York University* in hard copy to the address above or by email to docshare@yorku.ca by the referee.
- (c) All remaining documents (résumé, personal statement, supplementary form, and writing sample, if required) **must** be uploaded through [MyFile](#).

*Please submit the material as complete as possible and note that all documentation submitted cannot be returned.
 All forms required for submission are available for download from our website.*

Checklist	Instructions																		
<input type="checkbox"/> APPLICATION FORM & FEE	All applicants must submit an application form using York University's Graduate Studies online application . A non-refundable application fee of \$100 CDN is required for each application submitted. The application fee is collected at the end of the online application and is payable by Visa or MasterCard. Applications will only be processed once the full fee payment has been received.																		
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<input type="checkbox"/> RECOMMENDATION FORMS	You must submit TWO completed recommendation forms from referees who can assess your potential to complete the LLM successfully. These must be sent in signed and sealed envelopes by the referee.																		
<input type="checkbox"/> PERSONAL STATEMENT	You are required to submit a personal statement (maximum 500 words in length).																		
<input type="checkbox"/> RÉSUMÉ	An up-to-date résumé must be submitted along with your application package.																		
<input type="checkbox"/> WRITING SAMPLE	Applicants without a Canadian JD/LLB are also required to submit a writing sample which best demonstrates their academic ability. Please indicate the context in which the sample was written (e.g., course paper, a research project/paper). Note: writing samples cannot be returned and should be written in English.																		
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APPLICATION DEADLINES: Please see website for more details.

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