

A professional portrait of Tamara Barclay, a woman with long, dark hair, wearing a black blazer over a black top with a large ruffled collar. She is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a neutral expression.

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Program Format

This two-year, part-time degree requires completion of 36 credits obtained through coursework and a major research paper, or coursework only.

Your progress and performance are evaluated through papers, presentations and take-home assignments. Each LLM course incorporates a research requirement, which is typically evaluated on the basis of one or more papers.

Required Courses

Constitutional Theory [3 credits]

Students will examine the role and legitimacy of judicial review in a liberal democracy; formalism and realism; critical legal studies; ideological structure and sources of law; and law and politics.

Constitutional Remedies [3 credits]

Remedies available for breaches of the Charter and Aboriginal rights and related procedural issues will be examined. Related procedural issues may include standing, mootness and jurisdiction to award Charter remedies and apply the Charter. Discussions may include, but are not limited to remedies in criminal cases, exclusion of evidence, damages, costs, declarations, injunctions (final and interlocutory), equitable and other remedies for violations of Aboriginal rights and the range of remedies available for unconstitutional legislation, including reading down and reading in; severance, extension or invalidation of underinclusive laws; constitutional exemptions; delayed declarations of invalidity and prospective rulings.

Evidence and Procedure in Constitutional Litigation [3 credits]

Students explore the process of constitutional litigation; the dynamics of judicial review; jurisdiction and choice of forum; standing; proper defendants; class actions; intervention; ripeness, mootness and justiciability; burdens of proof; evidence issues and the challenge of proving legislative and constitutional facts; strategy in public interest litigation; and effective written and oral advocacy.

Sample Elective Courses

Legal Rights in the Canadian Charter [6 credits]

This course provides an overview of the legal rights sections (ss.7-14) of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. It begins with a general examination of the provisions, including a review of the origins of the legal rights sections, the idea of legal rights as a democratic notion, and

Legal Rights in the Canadian Charter [6 credits] continued...

their place in the international community. More specific topics covered, including: euthanasia, assisted suicides and abortion; the application of s.7 to situations outside Canada; conflicting parameters of legal rights, including right to privacy and the right to full answer and defence. Legal rights are examined in a criminal context which include search and seizure, right to counsel, right to be tried within a reasonable time, the presumption of innocence (and theories about self-incrimination), and the nature of cruel and unusual punishment.

Indigenous Peoples and the Canadian Constitution [6 credits]

This course examines the basis for Indigenous rights in Canadian law, with particular emphasis on the source and content of Indigenous title to land. The nature of treaties and land claims agreements, their impact on Indigenous rights, and the constitutional protection of Indigenous and treaty rights are considered.

Complete descriptions for the following courses are available on our website.

- Federalism and Institutions of Government [6 credits]
- Fundamental Freedoms in the Canadian Charter [6 credits]
- Equality Rights [3 credits]
- Political Law [6 credits]
- International Human Rights Law in Canada [6 credits]

Additional Electives

Constitutional Law LLM students may also choose courses from a selection of complementary LLM programs for credit towards completion of their degree. Visit osgoodepd.ca/constitutional for a complete list of related elective courses.

Note: Faculty, curriculum, course descriptions, degree requirements and tuition are subject to change without notice. Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information.



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Tuition and Fees

The 2023/2024 tuition, which includes both years of the Professional LLM program, is \$22,804.74 for domestic students and \$48,051.54 for international students, plus supplementary and additional fees.

Please visit our website for up-to-date details on fees, including payment schedules..

Program Starts

New students can start the program every Fall and Winter term.

Term	Application Window Opens	Application Deadline
Fall 2025	October 1, 2024	May 1, 2025
Winter 2025	February 1, 2024	September 15, 2024

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