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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 incorporates a research requirement, which is typically evaluated on the basis of one or more papers.

Required Courses

Foundations of Securities Law [3 Credits]

This course is required for students in the Securities Law LLM program who have not had practical or regulator training as securities lawyers in Canada. This course is intended to provide a strong foundation for the advanced study of securities regulation and capital markets in Canada and elsewhere.

Securities Law - Theoretical Approaches [3 Credits]

This course is intended to provide a strong theoretical foundation for the advanced study of securities regulation and capital markets in Canada and elsewhere.

Litigation and Enforcement [6 Credits]

Securities litigation is becoming a major part of the landscape of Canadian securities markets. This course considers the various opportunities for investors to seek redress from issuers and other market participants, the role of the regulators in enforcing securities laws, and the possibilities for interested parties to influence the regulatory process generally. In particular, offences and administrative sanctions imposed under the OSA and other provincial securities acts will be explored, as will new developments in securities litigation. Specific topics include: compliance and deterrence models of regulation; progress towards rule-making; regulatory control over market risks; the public interest jurisdiction; oversight of regulators by courts; offences and civil liability under provincial securities legislation; civil liability for continuous disclosure documents; civil litigation and class actions; and administrative sanctions under provincial securities laws.

Products, Transactions and Legal Structures [6 credits]

Securities professionals increasingly need to be familiar with the diversity and complexity of financial products available in today's capital markets. This course introduces a variety of specialized

instruments, which may attract securities regulatory requirements. It considers the advantages and disadvantages of using certain products to raise capital and how these transactions are typically structured from a corporate finance point of view. Specific topics include: varieties of derivatives contracts; the new prospectus rules; targeted shares; PREP Offerings Non-Fixed Price; asset-backed Securitizations Offerings; strip bonds; takeover bids and issuer bids; subordinated debentures; arrangements and other voting transactions; SARs; preferred shares; use of "plain language" offering documents; hybrid securities documents; restricted shares; Internet offerings; and POP/Shelf System.

Sample Elective Courses

International Securities Regulation [6 credits]

Financial transactions no longer recognize national borders. Those involved in securities markets need to pay attention to opportunities outside Canada and also to the regulatory requirements imposed by other jurisdictions, especially the United States. This course canvasses the major developments in international securities transactions. Specific topics include: public offerings of foreign securities in Canada; current status of the Multi-Jurisdictional Disclosure System international private placements; Euro-equity and Eurobond offerings; cross-border M&A transactions; impact of U.S. global offering procedures; U.S. and international disclosure requirements; application of provincial securities laws outside Canada; and international dealer registration.

Markets and Market Intermediaries [3 credits]

This course addresses a number of key issues related to the regulation of trading markets and of market intermediaries in Canada and elsewhere. Topics will include: the emergence and regulation of competitive markets for trading securities; the regulation of derivatives markets, short-selling, trade-throughs, the regulation of the broker-investor relationship, and the MiFid Directive in the EU.

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

- Litigation and Enforcement [6 credits]
- Investment Funds, Hedge Funds & Private Equity [3 credits]
- Regulation of Financial Advisory Services [3 credits]

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 Start

New students are accepted into the specialization once every 2-3 years, in either the Fall or Winter term.

Term	Application Window Opens	Application Deadline
Winter 2027	February 1, 2026	September 15, 2026

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