

OSGOODE'S
PART-TIME
PROFESSIONAL LLM
IN CONSTRUCTION LAW



Master the complexities of Construction Law.

Canada's first LLM in Construction Law starts Fall 2024.

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Deepen your knowledge. Challenge your perspective.

Construction Law is an increasingly complex field where there is a widespread need for legal expertise. This program is designed to equip both legal and non-legal professionals who engage with construction law matters with comprehensive knowledge of the subject. The learning outcomes of the program are focused on a thorough understanding of the core areas of construction law, such as: contract law, insurance law, dispute resolution, environmental law, business law and regulatory policy and theory.

“Construction law is a very important – and growing – specialized area of law. This is our chance to showcase construction law from a Canadian perspective. Students will gain in-depth insights into the area and learn from expert faculty who will share their practical experience and knowledge.”

Andrea Lee
Program Director, LLM in Construction Law,
Osgoode Professional Development and
Partner - Construction Law, Glaholt Bowles LLP

Graduate Diploma Designed for Non-Legal Professionals

Looking for a law school experience, but not sure if the LLM is right for you? Gain a solid understanding of Canadian Law through the part-time Graduate Diploma in Foundations of Canadian Law: osgoodepd.ca/diploma

Why Choose Osgoode?



Designed for working professionals

You'll get an academic experience through coursework that enhances your skillset and is tailored to the working professional. A research and writing component is required.



Top-notch instructors

Get access to some of the leading minds in Canadian construction law and leverage their experiences to help your growth.



Convenient and flexible

You'll take courses in a combination of intensive, weekly formats to minimize your time away from other commitments.



Accessible from anywhere

Interactive online learning is available for most courses although occasional attendance in person in Toronto is required. Refer to our website for attendance details for each course.



Build your network

Study and build relationships with professionals from around the globe right in your classroom. These are your future friends, clients and colleagues.



Diverse set of peers

Open to candidates with a JD/LLB and to professionals with a university degree, superior academic record and work experience related to construction law.



Program Format

This two-year, part-time degree requires completion of 36 credits obtained through coursework and a Major Research Paper.

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

Construction Law Theory & Practice [6 credits]

Construction law is ordered by a complex web of private contracts, public laws and regulations, and a set of common law duties, unique to the industry in some instances. The cast of players engaged in this robust industry is both domestic and international and includes public sector regulators, federal and provincial Crown corporations, design professionals, developers, builders, general contractors, project managers, subcontractors, material and equipment suppliers, union and non-union labour, sureties and insurers.

Construction Dispute Resolution [6 credits]

Construction law disputes are complex and often multi-party. Professionals in the field require a sophisticated understanding of dispute resolution options and mechanisms. This course will cover dispute resolution agreements, mediation/conciliation processes, expert determination, dispute boards, domestic and international arbitration and litigation in the context of construction matters.

Elective Courses

Construction Contracts [3 credits]

This course explores contract law principles in the context of the construction industry. Particular issues canvassed in the course include identification of parties, interests and risks inherent in these contracts. Students are introduced to standard forms of contract and focus on key components of these contracts that are often contentious, including scope, price, and time. This course includes comparative discussion of construction contracts across the common law world.

The Law of Procurement [3 credits]

This course examines the various project delivery models available that engage procurement requirements and implications for public and private sector participants in the construction industry. There will be a focus on Canadian and international bidding and tendering law of Canada. The course also includes discussion of the increasing importance of social procurement issues, including the expectation of consultation and obtaining environmental and social licenses.

Delay & Disruption in Construction Law [3 credits]

Delay is a key risk component and cause of disputes in the construction industry, and has specific legal implications that will be examined in this course. Course coverage includes: delay concepts; international standards (Society of Construction Law, American Society of Civil Engineers, AACE International); common causes of delay (unforeseen site conditions, contractor issues, design issues, owner impacts, weather, labour issues); and common approaches to analysis (impacted as planned, collapsed as-built, as-planned v. as-built, time impact analysis, window analysis).

Adjudication: Law & Procedure [3 credits]

Adjudication is emerging in various legal systems as an alternative to arbitration and litigation for the resolution of construction disputes. This course will cover adjudication as part of the construction ADR toolkit; the rise of statutory adjudication internationally; adjudication procedure and strategy; enforcement of an adjudicator's determination; common issues on judicial review (adjudicator's jurisdiction, natural justice issues); and explore the growing body of international adjudication jurisprudence.

Additional Electives

Construction Law LLM students may also choose courses from a select number of complementary LLM programs for credit towards completion of their degree. Visit osgoodepd.ca/construction 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.



CPD accredited for legal practitioners

OsgoodePD is an Accredited Provider of Professionalism Content by the LSO. All of our LLM courses are eligible for substantive CPD hours and some are eligible for professionalism hours.

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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 other calendar year in the Fall term.

Learn More

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Term	Application Window Opens	Application Deadline
Fall	October 1, 2023	May 1, 2024

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