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

Required Courses

Advanced Corporate Law [3 credits]

This course explores the basic theories, principles and policies that underlie Canadian corporate law. It provides a history of the development of corporate law in Canada and internationally, and includes a consideration of the primary purposes of the corporation, the role of limited liability and corporate personality, appropriate corporate purposes and remedies.

Boards of Directors [3 credits]

Students examine the requirement for boards of directors, how management and control of the corporation is established, composition of the board and audit committee, and corporate governance practices. Issues surrounding the separation of ownership and control, the duties and powers of directors and officers, including fiduciary duties and statutory constraints on delegation, certification of filings, shareholder ratification, and the duties and responsibilities of corporate managers will also be addressed.

Corporate Finance [3 credits]

This is an introduction to financing techniques available to businesses and the role that lawyers play in corporate finance transactions. The course focuses on recent financings and financial performance of Canadian public companies. It also examines the mandate of institutional bodies charged with responsibilities for regulating capital markets in North America. Recent reforms, the impact of the credit crisis, and the intersection of securities regulation and business law are also explored.

Corporate Governance [3 credits]

Corporate governance focuses on current thinking in corporate law, policy and research in light of recent North American and international developments. Particular attention is given to how these developments are situated, both within theories of corporate governance and within the history of the development of corporate governance law in Canada.

Corporate Remedies [3 credits]

This course examines remedies available to stakeholders, including remedies set out in the Canada Business Corporations Act (CBCA) and the Securities Act (Ontario). Students then delve into the circumstances under which these remedies are available and the procedures for initiating them. Potential areas of liability, the role of independent litigation committees, the determination of fair value, the powers of the court and other administrative bodies, defences, apportionment of liability, assessment of damages and relevant jurisprudence will also be examined.

Corporate Transactions [3 credits]

Designed to provide a practical perspective on the fundamental motivations and dynamics underlying business negotiations and transactions, as well as the critical components of major corporate transactions, this course equips students with the practical tools needed in a complex corporate transaction. Corporate transactions examined in this course includes both public and private financings, such as venture capital, private equity and public offerings and public and private mergers and acquisitions, including acquisitions by way of plan of arrangement under the CBCA and take-over bids.

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

- Construction Law [3 credits]
- Competition Law & Policy [3 credits]
- Intellectual Property Law in a Business Context [3 credits]

Additional Electives

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

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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 2024	October 1, 2023	May 1, 2024
Winter 2025	February 1, 2024	September 15, 2024



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