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“I often wondered how I would balance the program with the stressful demands of private practice. However, I can say confidently that I struck a successful balance due to the flexibility, support and encouragement from my professors, the administrative staff and my colleagues. The experience of Osgoode’s Criminal Law and Procedure LLM program was a challenge that I enjoyed and will be a memorable event in my educational and professional career.”

Shauna Pemberton, LLB, LLM
Lawyer, Law Office of Shauna Pemberton and

“Osgoode’s LLM in Criminal Law and Procedure is truly exceptional. The part-time, distance learning option provided the necessary flexibility to pursue my degree, while allowing me to maintain my professional and family obligations. The collective insight, knowledge and rich interaction with instructors and classmates was an invaluable component of my LLM experience, and has enriched my life, both professionally and personally.”

Adriana Poloz, LLM
Executive Director, Intelligence and International Policing,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police

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Diverse community of peers

The program brings together professionals from across Canada, representing both sides of the bar to come together and exchange experiences and expertise.



Top-notch instruction

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



Designed for working professionals

You’ll get an academic experience through coursework that deepens your knowledge, and is tailored to the working professional. If you want to complete a major research paper, you have that option.



Convenient

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



Build your network

Study and build relationships with professionals from across Canada and around the globe. These are your future friends and colleagues.



Accessible from anywhere

This program can be completed through interactive online learning. Refer to our website for attendance details for each course.



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.

Required Courses

Problems of Proof: Advanced Perspectives on the Law of Evidence [3 credits]

The law of evidence occupies a distinctive position in the administration of criminal justice. This course builds upon basic knowledge of the laws of criminal evidence, seeking to expose and assess the deeper tensions, trends, and problematics that animate this fascinating element of the criminal justice system.

The Theory and Practice of Punishment [3 credits]

This course delves into the theoretical and empirical underpinnings of criminal law through an examination of the classic and modern debates about punishment. Key concepts such as deterrence, rehabilitation, incapacitation, retribution and denunciation are critically examined. Topics include: strict discipline, privatization of prisons, conditional sentences, aboriginal sentencing circles and the New Zealand Family Group Conference.

Issues in Criminal Law: History, Evolution and Theoretical Approaches [6 credits]

Students explore the origins of key elements of current criminal law, from blood feuds and the ordeal, to public prosecutions, the origins of policing and current police-related issues, rights to counsel, key changes in legislation, including laws and policing powers pertaining to gangs and organized crime, mandatory-minimum sentencing, imprisonment, and alternative dispute resolution. This course also introduces students to contemporary debates in criminology, while demonstrating a range of research methods and approaches.

Criminal Law and the Charter: Implications and Expectations [6 credits]

This course examines the impact of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* on criminal law and procedure. Students examine the historical evolution of the constitutionalization of criminal law and procedure in Canada, including the theoretical and empirical debate about the relation between due process and crime control. It involves an examination of the major decisions of the courts and their legal repercussions in fields such as detention and arrest, search and seizure, the exclusionary rule, the presumption of innocence, the right to counsel, trial within a reasonable time, jury selection, discovery, cruel and unusual punishment, the insanity defence, regulatory offences, hate crimes and sexual assault.

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

- Corporate and Financial Crime and Compliance [6 credits]
- International Criminal Law [6 credits]
- Mental Health and the Criminal Law [3 Credits]
- Indigenous Peoples and the Criminal Justice System [3 credits]
- Anti-terrorism and the Criminal Law: Current and Emerging Issues [3 credits]

Additional Electives

Criminal Law and Procedure LLM students may also choose courses from a selection of complementary LLM programs for credit towards completion of their degree. Visit osgoodepd.ca/criminal for more information.

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, and interactive online learning costs.

Program Start

New students can start the program every Winter.

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

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