

A professional portrait of Sandhya Kohli, a woman with short dark hair, wearing a dark blazer and a pink and white patterned scarf. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred cityscape.

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Develop your expertise with Canada's foremost part-time, Professional LLM for lawyers, mediators, arbitrators and professionals involved in conflict resolution.

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Paula Kueng, BA, LLM
Conflict Management Practitioner
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“*Osgoode’s Professional LLM in Dispute Resolution is a genuine delight. The topical and thought-provoking lectures and readings seamlessly blend academic principles with practical applications. The interchanges with other professionals from across the country are an integral part of the experience. I highly recommend this unique programme.*”

Jennifer M. White, AWI-CH, BA, LLB, LLM
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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. If you want to complete a major research paper, you have that option.



Top-notch instructors

Get access to some of the leading minds in dispute resolution and leverage their experiences to help your growth.



Elective courses with online learning options

Many elective courses have a interactive online learning option. Some courses, including required courses, may require in-person attendance. 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 non-legal professionals with a university degree, superior academic record and significant work experience related to dispute resolution.



Program Format

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

There is no thesis requirement and your progress and performance are evaluated through short 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

Introduction to Dispute Resolution [6 credits]

Featuring national and international scholars, this course introduces students to theories of disputing and dispute resolution processes from a variety of perspectives. The course uses a variety of teaching methods, with an emphasis on experiential exercises, simulations and role-play games.

The Theory and Practice of Dispute Resolution [6 credits]

Note: This course requires in-person attendance.

Topics covered in this course include, but are not limited to adjudication and problem-solving; how the legal system understands conflict; a range of alternate theoretical models for analyzing and responding to conflict; conflict escalation and de-escalation; the impact of race, gender and cultural norms on conflict analysis; and evaluation of a range of negotiation theories, strategies and negotiator styles; ethical issues in negotiation and mediation; power in negotiation and mediation; designing dispute resolution processes; and the future of dispute resolution.

Sample of Elective Courses

In Search of Reconciliation Through Dispute Resolution [6 credits]

Students will be immersed in an interactive and experiential course that will allow them to better understand the responsibility each of us has in the achievement of reconciliation and establishment of collaborative diversity. The Indigenous roots of restorative justice will

be considered and applied to consider various approaches to

address contemporary challenges. Topics include: inclusion, being an authentic ally, performative action, Indigenous dispute resolution, effective communication, beyond human rights, barrier reduction and Indigenous principles. Lectures, role plays and small group discussions will be used to consider the justice-seeking experience and contemplate the global impact of the intersection of Indigenous issues and dispute resolution (including drawing upon examples from the Indigenous client and working with Indigenous legal representatives).

Crown Indigenous Negotiations [3 Credits]

Canadian courts have long called for the negotiated development of a pathway to reconciliation. However, many Canadian negotiation processes are seen to be unable to deliver meaningful change. Academic focus has primarily been on the perceived weaknesses of the Canadian constitutional law framework and the availability of alternatives based on international and Indigenous law. The course will examine the theory and practice of Crown-Indigenous Negotiations. The course is set up to facilitate conversation and dialogue between diverse perspectives with the goal of generating suggestions for improvement.

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

- Advanced Conflict Resolution Workshop [6 credits]
- Mediation Advocacy [6 credits]
- Dispute Resolution in the Digital Age [6 credits]
- Teaching, Training and Coaching in Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution [6 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 Starts

New students can start the program every Fall term.

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

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