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Recent technological and legislative developments have hugely impacted the banking, bankruptcy/insolvency, and financial services legal sectors. Privacy concerns, consumer protection and artificial intelligence have all changed the scope of issues facing lawyers and senior executives in the financial services industry, and OsgoodePD's Part-Time Professional LLM in Financial Law provides you with in-depth and broadly applicable knowledge of the policies, principles and business/economic considerations that underpin this dynamic area.

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

Required Courses

Advanced Banking Law [3 credits]

This foundational course introduces students to banking and financial services fundamentals. It is designed to provide students with an overview as to the function of banking and the legal framework that governs banking institutions, their operations and principal transactions. The purpose of the course is to set the stage for in-depth study of all such subjects in the more detailed courses on respective topics that follow.

Advanced Bankruptcy and Insolvency Law [3 credits]

This course deals at an advanced level with the legal principles and practical aspects of the granting of credit and the taking of security by Canadian financial institutions, having regard to the security provisions in the Canadian Bank Act and the personal property security legislation now in force in various provinces.

Introduction to Financial Law [3 credits]

This course will be a primer for non-lawyer students. It will provide non-lawyers with foundational legal knowledge on: banking law and banking regulation in Canada and bankruptcy and insolvency. The course will teach students the fundamentals pertaining to the legal framework that governs banking in Canada, their operations and principal transactions. In addition, the course will teach students about the legal aspects of payments, financial instruments, and give students an overview of banking within the larger financial industry in Canada. On the lending side, the course will provide students with foundational knowledge on lending, security, bankruptcy and insolvency. It should be noted this introductory course will be a substantive law course. There is another mandatory course for non-lawyers across all the specializations, GS LAW 6149 – Introduction to Graduate Legal Studies, which will provide students with the basic research and analytical skills required for graduate legal study. *Note: Students with a law degree and experience in financial services law may request exemption at enrolment from taking this course.

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

- Banking, Negotiable Instruments, Payment Mechanisms and Securities Transfers [6 credits]
- Regulation of Financial Institutions [6 credits]
- Anti-Money Laundering and Financial Crimes [3 credits]
- Banking, Negotiable Instruments, Payment Mechanisms and Securities Transfers [6 credits]
- Reorganizing and Restructuring [3 credits]
- Insurance Regulation [3 credits]
- Consumer Bankruptcy Issues and Policies [3 credits]

Additional Electives

Financial Law LLM students may also choose courses from a selection of complementary LLM programs for credit towards completion of their degree. Visit osgoodepd.ca/finance 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.



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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.

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

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