

OSGOODE'S OPTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Internationalize your experience at
Canada's top law school.

Full-Time and Part-Time options available.

Welcome to Osgoode



A Message from the Dean

Osgoode has been shaping the future of legal education since 1889. As one of Canada's largest, oldest and most prestigious law schools, we have a rich history of developing thought leaders, leading lawyers and professionals. We do this with a superior legal education that combines the best of critical thinking, experiential learning and rigorous and innovative curricula. Our internationally renowned faculty is recognized for their excellence in teaching, research and their influence in the legal and policy landscape in Canada and around the world. Together with a talented group of adjunct faculty drawn from the Toronto Bar and beyond, our professors are the backbone of our exceptional academic programs.

Osgoode is home to the largest and most comprehensive suite of programs for internationally trained lawyers in Canada. Our programs fit a variety of needs: specializing in a particular area of law, preparing for the National Committee on Accreditation exams, gaining credibility in the Canadian marketplace, or additional language or foundational legal training. At Osgoode, students have a very personalized experience, with access to career development support and a strong network of internationally trained lawyers through fellow students and a large alumni base. Our programs are also extremely well supported by our exceptionally dedicated and talented staff.

Osgoode's student community is intelligent, diverse and creative. We have a vibrant and inclusive space where students, faculty and staff collaborate to make a positive difference around the globe. Our commitment to excellence and leadership, coupled with our spirit of service, is articulated in our motto, "Through Law to Justice". It is also embodied in the tremendous accomplishments of our renowned alumni, who have excelled worldwide in public agencies, private law firms, corporations, government, legal clinics, universities and in many other communities and initiatives.

I invite you to learn more about Osgoode and how you will join the next generation of distinguished leaders. Join us in your legal education journey, and make history with us.

Professor Trevor CW Farrow, PhD
Dean, Osgoode Hall Law School



Osgoode Delivers

Founded in 1889, Osgoode Hall Law School is one of Canada's largest and most respected law schools. Osgoode Hall Law School has a long tradition of being at the centre of influential and innovative legal research and thought. Having trained some of the brightest legal minds, Osgoode continues to pride itself for its academic excellence and its progressive vision for the legal profession. Osgoode alumni include practising lawyers and legal scholars, business leaders and legislators, social activists and Supreme Court justices. Applying their legal talents across a wide range of roles and organizations, they share a proud legacy summed up in our school's historic motto: *Through law to justice*.

A World Leader in Continuing Legal Education

Osgoode Professional Development (OsgoodePD) is the lifelong learning arm of Osgoode Hall Law School. Over nearly three decades our mission has remained consistent and clear: we provide a uniquely broad range of interdisciplinary graduate-level legal education designed for professionals. We are committed to:

Integrating Internationally Trained Lawyers into the Canadian Legal Profession

We recognize that internationally educated lawyers bring valuable experience and perspectives to the Canadian legal profession. As part of our responsibility to aid in the diversification of the legal profession in Canada, we offer the broadest range of programs anywhere in Canada for internationally trained lawyers, without taking a one-size fits-all approach. We understand that internationally trained lawyers often have similar needs and goals, but also that each individual student brings with them their own interests and lived experiences that serve to enrich the programs they become a part of. The breadth of our course offerings and our wide array of student services are designed to help international students achieve academic and career success.

Technology & Innovation

OsgoodePD is known globally for its commitment to ongoing innovation in educational technology and pedagogy. We were the first law program in Canada to offer distance learning, and have worked to continuously improve quality, accessibility and flexibility. We strive to be at the centre of innovative design and delivery of professional legal education, enabling understanding, connection and transformation.

Remaining at the Forefront of Legal Knowledge, Expertise and Capability

We work continuously to enhance and extend our professional development offerings. As the needs of the global community for professional development in legal education evolves, we introduce new programs, courses and ways of learning to help students meet their goals.



“What really attracted me to Osgoode was its reputation. I really wanted to be surrounded by like-minded people in the legal profession, who were able to challenge me, who came from different backgrounds.”

Dian Howard, LLB, LLM
Principal Lawyer, Thompson Howard IP



Sankofa Square



Royal Ontario Museum



Nathan Phillips Square



CN Tower



Toronto: A World Class City

One of the Most Diverse Cities in the World

More than half of the city's 2.7 million residents were born outside of Canada. Over 250 ethnicities and 170 languages are represented in the Toronto Region, and roughly half the population identifies as a visible minority. The city takes great pride in its multiculturalism (the city's slogan is 'Diversity Our Strength') and you will find this diversity in the city's world-class cultural institutions, festivals, food and businesses.

One of the Best Places to Live

Toronto consistently ranks among the top cities in the world to live in. Canada's largest metropolis, Toronto is home to world class restaurants, countless public parks, accessible transit and a vibrant nightlife.

Canada's Financial Capital

Toronto is the financial and business capital of Canada and the homebase for Canada's largest law firms. This provides students with unparalleled access and opportunity to advance their career goals.

Why Choose OsgoodePD?



Community

As Canada's largest and most diverse law school, OsgoodePD has earned a global reputation for attracting talented students. More than 4,500 professionals from 90 countries proudly call themselves OsgoodePD alumni.



Academic Excellence

Program faculty are some of Canada's top legal practitioners and academics and are internationally recognized as leaders in their fields.



Learn How the Programs Work



Breadth of Offerings

Curricula at OsgoodePD bridges theory and practice, providing students with a strong theoretical background that has immediate practical applications. With more than 100 courses across our Professional LLM, Graduate Diploma and Summer School programs, OsgoodePD has something to offer everyone.



Student Services

Students have access to a full range of academic, career and wellness support. Through one-on-one advising and skills-based workshops, students have access to subject matter experts who are passionate about supporting students' goals and helping them identify new opportunities.



Location

You will get the best of both worlds with our two locations in Downtown Toronto and at York University's Keele Campus. Students are integrated both into the Osgoode community through high-quality extracurricular activities and events and into the broader professional community through our downtown location, where students can find opportunities to broaden their professional network.



"Toronto is not like typical European cities – it is more of a metropolis like New York or Beijing, but with more diversity. The orientation and courses that Osgoode has provided have helped me to embrace my new life and study here."

Hongqi Liu, LLM
LLM in Canadian Common Law

Our Offerings at a Glance

Study Law in Canada In-Person (Full-Time Offerings)

Professional LLM

▶ Learn How the Programs Work

OsgoodePD's Professional LLM program is a graduate program in law designed for lawyers and senior professionals with legal work experience. Each of our distinct specializations focuses on interdisciplinary learning and provides you with a unique mix of academic, applied and theoretical perspectives. You will learn through interactive discussions and explore practical issues related to your specialization. You will have access to a wide range of elective options to broaden your legal knowledge or explore new areas related to your professional interests.

Full-Time LLM Specializations

Canadian Common Law	An examination of core Canadian Common Law topics, designed to meet the requirements of the National Committee on Accreditation (NCA).
International Business Law	A comparative analysis of private law concepts within Canada and other major legal systems.
Taxation Law	An examination into the policies, principles, and internal logic of tax laws in Canada and beyond.

Graduate Diploma in Foundations of Canadian Law

▶ Learn How the Program Works

The Graduate Diploma in Foundations of Canadian Law is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in key areas of Canadian public and private law. The program explores foundational aspects of the Canadian legal landscape, including legal history and structure; skills-focused topics, such as legal research and writing; and more specialized topics, through elective courses.

Summer School

Studying abroad is a great opportunity for international students who want to invest in their academic and professional futures. Each summer we welcome current JD/LLB students and recent graduates from across the globe for 2-3 weeks to study while enjoying a unique experience in Toronto.

For more information on our full-time programs, visit osgoodepd.ca/ft-offerings





Study Law from Home (Part-Time LLM Offerings)

Canadian Common Law

Our Part-Time LLM in Canadian Common Law gives students the opportunity to start the Canadian accreditation process from their home country via distance learning through our Problem-Based Learning (PBL) courses. The Problem-Based Learning courses in the Canadian Common Law program are purpose-built, interactive online courses. This isn't a self-study program – these courses are not asynchronous: they are highly interactive.

Other LLM Specializations

Suitable for students in compatible time zones, our interactive online learning approach brings Osgoode to the world and the world to Osgoode.

Part-Time LLM Specializations

- Administrative Law
- Business Law
- Constitutional Law
- Construction Law
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Dispute Resolution
- Energy and Infrastructure Law
- Financial Law
- General Law
- Health Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Business Law
- Labour and Employment Law
- Privacy and Cybersecurity Law
- Securities Law
- Taxation Law



Learn How the
Programs Work



“There are many LLM programs available worldwide and I was considering several across several countries. What I liked about Osgoode were the live seminars and interactions with jurors, lawyers, judges, and professors who are practitioners themselves. That was a fascinating feature that I did not find in other programs. Now, I'm sitting in India and taking courses at Osgoode!”

Bharti Birla, LLB, LLM
Enterprise Development Specialist,
International Labour Organization

For more information on our
part-time programs, visit
osgoodepd.ca/pt-offerings

Full-Time Offerings

Professional LLM in Canadian Common Law

Program Description

The Professional LLM in Canadian Common Law provides the opportunity to take core courses in Canadian common law topics taught at the graduate level along with a wide range of elective options.

The core courses are specifically designed to meet the requirements of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada's National Committee on Accreditation (NCA). Students in the Canadian Common Law specialization benefit from both academic and career support to assist in their transition to the Canadian legal marketplace.

Note: Completing the Professional LLM in Canadian Common Law does not automatically entitle you to practise law in Canada or to be admitted to the Bar of a Canadian province or territory.

Who Should Apply?

- Internationally trained lawyers who have at least two years of practice experience and a desire to become licensed to practise law in Canada.



“The LLM in Canadian Common Law is a great way to get a comprehensive sense of the foundations of Canadian law, especially coming from a civil law jurisdiction, where there are some big differences. The LLM is a streamlined way to complete your accreditation requirements, and you get to meet a lot of people from all over the world.”

Juan Higuera, LLB, LLM
Associate Lawyer,
Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP

Degree Requirements

To fulfill your degree requirements, you need to complete 36 credits, with an optional research requirement. These credits must include:

- At least 18 credits of Canadian Common Law core courses
- Students with the following profiles usually have required introductory courses:
 - Internationally trained lawyers: GNRL 6209 – Canadian Graduate Legal Research & Writing (Online) (3 Credits)
 - International students from civil law or distance education backgrounds: GNRL 6514 Introduction to Canadian LLM Studies (no weighting)

Core Courses Include

- Canadian Administrative Law
- Canadian Civil and Administrative Procedure
- Canadian Constitutional Law
- Canadian Contract Law
- Canadian Criminal Law
- Canadian Professional Responsibility
- Canadian Public and Constitutional Law
- Canadian Tort Law
- Commercial Law
- Evidence
- Foundations of Canadian Law
- Fundamentals of Family Law
- Introduction to Canadian LLM Studies
- Legal Drafting
- Property Law
- Real Estate Transactions
- Taxation Law

Program Starts

The Canadian Common Law specialization accepts new students twice each calendar year, in the Fall term and the Winter term.

Learn more at
osgoodepd.ca/cclw

Professional LLM in International Business Law

Program Description

This specialization is designed to give lawyers and professionals from around the world advanced training in international business law. Award-winning faculty teach the latest developments in international trade law, international finance, international business transactions, taxation of cross-border transactions and other related topics. This specialization's core courses give you knowledge in critical areas of international business law, while the specialization's large number of elective courses allow the opportunity to pursue your other academic interests.

Who Should Apply?

- Lawyers who have at least two years of practice experience related to international business law
- Recent JD/LLB graduates with a strong academic background and a demonstrated interest in International business law

Degree Requirements

To fulfill your degree requirements, you need to complete 36 credits, including a research requirement. These credits must include:

- BLIS 6501 – Comparative Legal Studies in International Business (6 credits), to be taken in the first term of study
- At least 18 credits of International Business Law elective courses
- Research Paper Requirement (choice of the following):
 - Significant Research Paper [30 pages] completed as the means of assessment for one of the courses within the specialization; or
 - Independent Significant Research Paper (3 credits) [30 pages]; or
 - Major Research Paper (6 credits) [70 pages]

Elective Courses Include

- Advanced Contract Law
- Anti-Money Laundering and International Country Sanctions – Global Regulatory Challenges
- Business and Human Rights
- Comparative Legal Systems
- Contracts for Business
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- International Business Transactions
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Finance
- International Sales Law
- International Trade Law
- Online International Business Transactions
- Taxation of Cross-border Transactions

Program Starts

The International Business Law specialization accepts new students twice each calendar year, in the Fall term and the Winter term.



“My classmates provided a very multicultural environment in class and out of it and were happy to share their experiences and offer guidance. Since they were going through different stages of their careers themselves, the richness of their in-the-field experiences was outstanding.”

Maria Estela Anaya Reyes, LLB, LLM
Derivatives Legal Specialist, BNP Paribas CIB

Learn more at
osgoodepd.ca/ibl



Professional LLM in Taxation Law

Program Description

Knowledge of tax law is essential to any business environment and the study of this legal specialization is intellectually fascinating.

The Professional LLM in Taxation Law offers students an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the policies, principles and the internal logic of tax laws in Canada and internationally. It covers all core tax law and policy concepts, with annual offerings in corporate and international tax. A variety of elective options are offered each year.

Courses are taught by a diverse range of highly qualified scholars and practitioners, all of whom are leaders in their areas of practice.

Who Should Apply?

- Lawyers or law graduates with legal work experience related to taxation law.
- Recent JD/LLB graduates with a strong academic background and a demonstrated interest in taxation law.

Degree Requirements

To fulfill your degree requirements, you need to complete 36 credits including a research requirement. These credits must include:

- TXLW 6100 - Tax Policy, Statutory Interpretation and the Foundations of the Taxation of Individuals (6 Credits)
- TXLW 6201 - Introduction to the Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders (3 Credits)
- TXLW 6101 - Comparative Taxation Law (6 credits)
- Research Paper Requirement (choice of the following):
 - Significant Research Paper (30 pages) completed as the means of assessment for one of the courses within the specialization; or
 - Independent Significant Research Paper [3 credits] (30 pages); or
 - Major Research Paper [6 credits] (70 pages)

Elective Courses Include

- Partnerships and Tax Shelters
- The Taxation of Trusts and Estates
- Tax Treaties
- Taxation of Corporate Reorganizations
- Advanced Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders
- International Taxation
- Managerial Tax Planning
- Overview of US Taxation and Recent Developments

Program Starts

The Taxation Law specialization accepts new students once each calendar year, in the Fall term.



"I loved in-person classes because I really got to network and interact with amazing Professors like Jinyan Li and Scott Wilkie. They helped me tremendously in my career. The great thing about Osgoode professors is that they are not just academics but are practising in law firms. Getting perspectives of the market and getting the advice from these scholars is incredible. The faculty were a huge reason why I originally decided to come to Osgoode."

Matias Gabriel Zerbino Chaves, LLB, LLM
Senior Manager - Transfer Pricing,
Scotiabank

Learn more at
osgoodepd.ca/tax



Graduate Diploma in Foundations of Canadian Law

Program Description

The Graduate Diploma in Foundations of Canadian Law is designed to provide students with a foundational understanding of the Canadian legal system. The program focuses on the key areas of public and private law while providing students a unique opportunity to specialize in their academic interests through elective courses.

Courses are taught by a diverse range of highly qualified scholars and practitioners, all of whom are leaders in their areas of practice.

Who Should Apply?

- Graduates of law degree programs from civil law jurisdictions who need to build a strong foundation in common law before pursuing Canadian accreditation or additional graduate level study.
- Graduates of law degree programs from common law jurisdictions who would benefit from strengthening their academic background for future graduate study.

Degree Requirements

To fulfill your diploma requirements, you need to complete 18 credits. These credits must include:

- Canadian Legal Research and Analysis (3 credits)
- Academic and Applied Legal Writing (3 credits)
- Introduction to Canadian Public Law (3 credits)
- Introduction to Canadian Private Law (3 credits)
- 6 credits from elective courses

Examples of Elective Courses:

- Canadian Criminal Law
- Canadian Constitutional Law
- Business Associations
- Contract Law
- Family Law
- Real Estate Transactions
- Canadian Immigration Law

Program Starts

The diploma accepts new students once each calendar year, in the Winter term.



“Academically, the Graduate Diploma in Foundations of Canadian Law gave me a very good foundational knowledge of the Canadian legal system. The introductory courses helped me to see the Canadian legal system as a whole, so it made me more confident.”

Yanki Gur, LLM
Founder and Barrister & Solicitor, Gur
& Gur Law Professional Corporation

Learn more at
osgoodepd.ca/foundations



Summer School

Studying abroad is a great opportunity for international students who want to invest in their academic and professional futures. Not only does it open the door to better career opportunities, you'll get the chance to experience a city consistently voted one of the best places in the world to live, Toronto!

Who Should Apply?

- Currently law students or recent graduates who are over the age of 18. Additional requirements (English language proficiency, jurisdiction of training, etc.) vary depending on the topic of the program.

Program Starts

Summer programs typically run over three weeks in July.



Learn more at
[osgoodepd.ca/
summerprograms](https://osgoodepd.ca/summerprograms)

Intensive Advanced Legal English

Osgoode's Intensive Advanced Legal English (IALE) is designed specifically for internationally trained lawyers, the program goes beyond general English training to focus on the communication skills that matter most in Canadian legal contexts. Whether you're preparing for graduate legal studies or aiming to practise law in Canada, IALE helps you build the confidence and language skills you need to succeed in the classroom, the courtroom, and beyond.

The program is structured to align with the Fall intake of Osgoode's Professional LLM and Graduate Diploma programs. Divided into two modules, students begin the program in live, online format for the first module, and complete the second module in-person, integrated into the LLM studies:

Module	Format	Timing
Core Module: Legal English Foundations	Online (Live) Evening and Weekends	Early May – Mid/Late July
Applied Module: Legal English in Practice	In-Person	August Integrated with GNRL 6514: Introduction to Canadian LLM Studies

Graduates Receive a Bursary to Help Fund Their Future Studies:

IALE graduates receive a \$2,000 bursary toward the Professional LLM or Graduate Diploma in Foundations of Canadian Law.

Admission Requirements:

- Minimum requirement 6.5 IELTS or equivalent
- Law degree from outside of Canada

Learn more at:
osgoodepd.ca/iale

Entrance Awards

International students applying to a full-time LLM program are automatically considered for a \$10,000 entrance award.

No separate award application is required. To be considered, you must submit and complete your application by the following deadlines:

Term	Deadline to Submit	Deadline to Complete
Fall	January 15	January 30
Winter	April 15	April 30

A complete application means that your online application form, all required documents (including unofficial transcripts), and references have been received. Proof of English language proficiency may follow later, if applicable.

Awards decisions will be issued at the time of admission.



Learn more about our Entrance Awards at:
osgoodepd.ca/awards



How to Apply

Create Your OsgoodePD Applicant Profile

Create an applicant profile in our online application portal. This portal allows us to gather your information, transcripts, and other documents electronically. You will receive an email with directions outlining how to create a new password for your application, along with a link to access the application.

Upload Application Documents

The following documents are required:

	Resume/CV	Writing Sample	Contact Information for Two References	Transcripts	Official Proof of Language Proficiency (if applicable)
Professional LLM					
Graduate Diploma					
Summer Program					

Your Application Will Be Reviewed

Timelines for decisions vary by program, but we will be in touch if we have questions about your application or need more information.

When to Apply

International applicants are strongly encouraged to apply in advance of the award deadline.

Deadlines are as follows:

Term	Application Open	Award Deadline	Application Deadline
Fall	October 1	January 15	May 1
Winter	February 1	April 15	September 15

For more detailed information on preparing your application, visit osgoodepd.ca/applyinfo

Looking for help with your application?

International students are welcome to work with an approved application agent for support from applying to arrival in Toronto. Our agents understand our programs and the unique needs of applicants from their regions.

Learn more at osgoodepd.ca/applicationagents

Language Requirements

You may be required to submit a language test as part of your application for the program. Whether a language test is required is determined solely by your academic background. A full assessment will be completed after all academic transcripts have been received. Our team can generally advise you before applying whether a language test is likely to be required; however, the final determination is made after you have applied and submitted all required documents.

When is a language test not required:

If you have completed at least one year of full-time study, or the equivalent in part-time study, in a degree- or diploma-granting university program where English is the sole official language of instruction across the entire institution (not just the program level).

When is a language test required:

- If your academic history does not meet the above criteria
- If you have submitted a test that is below the minimum score



Professional LLM - Test Options and Required Scores

Test Type	Test Score
TOEFL – Test of English as a Foreign Language <i>*MyBest results is not accepted for this requirement</i>	5.5 <i>For tests taken under the previous scoring model: 102-109</i>
IELTS – International English Language Testing System <i>*Academic test only – general test will not be accepted</i>	Academic Based – 7.5 overall with a minimum of 7.0 in reading and writing
Graduate Diploma in Foundations of Canadian Law	Successful completion
Osgoode’s Intensive Advanced Legal English	Completion with Distinction
York University English Language Institute – Essential English	Level 6 with distinction
CAEL – Canadian Academic English Language Assessment	70 overall with no component less than 60
Duolingo	140 overall with minimum of 130 in literacy and production

Language Requirements Cont'd

Graduate Diploma in Foundations of Canadian Law – Test Options and Required Scores

Test Type	Test Score
TOEFL – Test of English as a Foreign Language <i>*MyBest results is not accepted for this requirement</i>	4.5 <i>For tests taken under the previous scoring model: 88</i>
IELTS – International English Language Testing System <i>*Academic test only – general test will not be accepted</i>	Academic Based – 7.0 overall
Osgoode’s Intensive Advanced Legal English	Completion with Honours
York University English Language Institute – Essential English	Level 6 with Honours
CAEL – Canadian Academic English Language Assessment	70 overall with no component less than 60
Duolingo	130 overall with minimum of 120 in literacy and production

Conditional Offers of Admission for Early Applicants: We may make conditional offers of admission prior to receipt of language proficiency tests to applicants who apply by the award deadline (January 15 for Fall applications and April 15 for Winter applications).

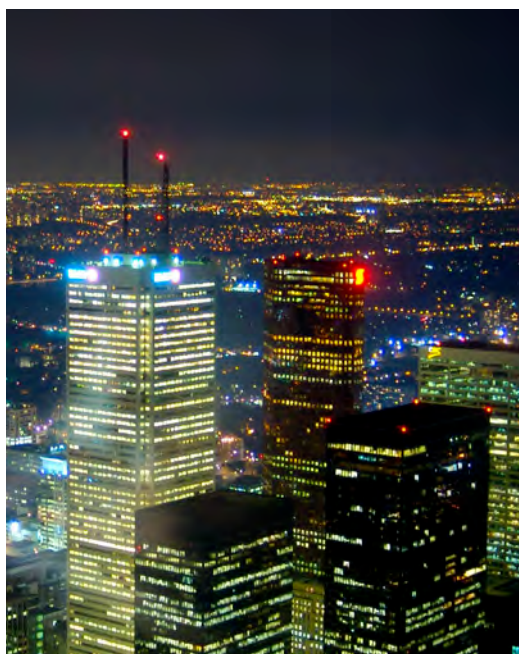
Applicants given a conditional offer will have a strict final deadline to submit official language test results:

Fall Applicants – no later than April 1

Winter Applicants – no later than June 1

Note: applying early does not offer a guarantee of conditional admission – the Committee may request that you submit a language test before they will consider your application.





Learn More About Our Offerings

Get started with our on demand information sessions!

Whether you're looking to study or practise law in Canada, our on demand sessions are designed to help you better understand our program offerings and provide you with the confidence to choose the program that best fits your background and interests.



Learn How the Programs Work



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